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Constitution Avenue, N.W., Courtroom #20, 6th

Floor, Washington, D.C., at 9:00 a.m., Hon.

Elizabeth Holtzman, Chair, presiding.

#### PRESENT:

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VADM(R) Patricia Tracey

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2 (9:06 a.m.)

MS. FRIED: Good morning. This
meeting is now open. Welcome panel members.
This is the sixth public meeting of the Judicial
Proceedings since FY2012 Amendments Panel, also
known as the Judicial Proceedings Panel or JPP.

My name is Maria Fried and I am the designated federal official to the JPP. The JPP is congressionally mandated to conduct an independent review and assessment of judicial proceedings conducted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice involving sexual assault and related offenses since amendments were made to the Uniform Code of Military Justice regarding those offenses by Section 541 of the NDAA 2012.

The JPP's first report is due to Congress and the Secretary on February 4, 2015.

The distinguished members appointed to the panel members are as follows: our Chairwoman, the Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman,
Vice Admiral (Retired) Patricia Tracey, Professor

Tom Taylor, Mister Victor Stone.

The Honorable Barbara Jones is also a panel member but she is not able to attend today's meeting in person.

More information of the establishment of the panel, panel membership and its charter is available on the JPP website at jpp.whs.mil.

Before the panel members begin their deliberations, one of our panel members, Victor Stone, would like to make a statement addressing his role as a special victim's counsel in military justice cases.

Once Mr. Stone concludes his statement, Madam Chair will conduct the deliberations. The purpose of these deliberations is for the JPP to discuss and, when ready, propose recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Defense.

Finally, we did not receive any requests for oral comments.

Madam Chair, if you are ready to begin, we can start with Mr. Stone's statement.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Thank you, Ms. Fried.
Mr. Stone?

MR. STONE: Thank you. Before we begin discussing our upcoming February panel report, I would like to say that the organization where I am employed, the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc., serves victims at no cost to the victims and there are no financial benefits that are dependent upon whether the prosecution or the defense prevails in a case.

My organization currently represents victims in the military justice system. To avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest, I have voluntarily withdrawn my representation on cases currently in the military justice system, where I have entered appearances or served as counsel.

Additionally, I am voluntarily recusing myself from participation in all military cases for the duration of my service on the Judicial Proceedings Panel, including any military cases currently handled by the

organization for which I work, and any future military justice cases where the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center may render services.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Good morning,
everybody. I would like to begin by welcoming
everyone to this meeting of the Judicial
Proceedings Panel. Today's meeting is being
transcribed and also video recorded by Army
Television. The meeting transcript and a link to
the video recording will be posted on the JPP's
website.

As Ms. Fried mentioned, this panel began its work in August 2014 and we were tasked in the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act with providing our first report to Congress and the Secretary of Defense within 180 days of our first meeting or February 4, 2015. Today's meeting is devoted to the panel's deliberation on our first report.

Since August, the panel has met monthly to consider topics that are part of our tasking from Congress. We started our review by

looking at the punitive articles in the Uniform Code of Military Justice that is used in the prosecution of sexual assault crimes in the military and that is Article 120.

We next focused on victim privacy issues in sexual assault crimes, including a review of the rules that govern the use of evidence of prior sexual conduct and the mental health communications and records of alleged victims in military judicial proceedings.

The panel also reviewed the special victim's counsel or SVC programs established by the military services in 2013.

In addition, we reviewed how the SVC programs assist sexual assault victims in obtaining information about their cases and exercised their rights under the UCMJ.

The panel deliberated on Article 120 at our October public meeting but today's meeting would be our first opportunity to deliberate on our other meeting topics. To prepare for today, our staff developed an initial draft report that

summarizes what we have learned and heard about each of the topics we have reviewed. During this meeting, we will review this draft and discuss what findings, conclusions, or recommendations we will want to make as part of our initial report.

Each public meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel includes time to receive comments and input from the public. The panel did not receive any comments or requests from the public to appear at today's meeting. All materials received by the panel members for today's meeting and previous meetings are available on the JPP's website, which is jpp.whs.mil.

Thank you very much for your attention and I believe we are ready to begin our deliberations. As Ms. Fried mentioned, Judge Jones, unfortunately, can't be with us in person today. However, she plans to join us by phone when she is available during the day to participate in our deliberations. We will miss her.

I thought we would begin proceedings.

Kyle and the staff have prepared a list of issues for us that were generated by the proceedings that we already had and by the draft report. And I thought it might be easiest if we go through the issues the staff suggested one by one and decide about them in order.

Let me also say that this list of issues is a draft list prepared by the staff and it is in no way binding on us. We can add to this list. I don't think we can subtract from it because it is before us but we can add to the list and nobody should feel any inclination to that saying that we missed an issue, or the staff missed an issue, or there is something else that should be considered.

So, without any further ado, do we have that list of issues?

LT. COL. GREEN: Yes, ma'am. It is in your binders.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Then, let's begin with the issue on the draft issues for JPP

deliberations, let's start with issue number one, which is, does the panel have any further guidance or input for the subcommittee regarding Article 120 definitions.

LT. COL. GREEN: And ma'am, this is the topic that you deliberated on in your October meeting, definitions regarding definitions of consent, mistake of fact, capability to consent, bodily harm. So, the report encompasses the findings or the determinations of the panel at that point as to which of those definitions you felt warranted additional consideration and study.

And at this point, the panel has referred those specific definitions that are outlined in the report to the subcommittee for additional consideration and potential revision or language recommendations.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, I guess the question is do we have any further suggestions or guidance or input regarding those definitions.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I had an overall

question around the things that are being referred to the subcommittee. Only in one instance do we actually sort of expand on what was the set of things that we thought we didn't know enough about to draw any conclusions. And I have the same question, really, about each of these is what are we asking the subcommittee to do with regard to definitions? What further insights are we looking for that will be compelling to us on what it is we think the recommendation ought to be?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Kyle, do you want to respond?

LT. COL. GREEN: The October meeting, what we summarized for you were the different viewpoints that we had received regarding whether a particular definition was useful and then if there were any contrary opinions that you had received about whether that definition was workable within the system or not.

And so, ma'am, I guess I don't know that the panel got much further than that than

just saying this is a point that we think the subcommittee should study further and present its own recommendations as to whether the subcommittee believes that that definition is workable or does need revisions and, if it does need revisions, then proposed revised language.

The process for that would be that the subcommittee would take that, in that case, a fairly open-ended issue, conduct its own analysis and review, provide that review and analysis to you with any recommendations they might have.

At that point, the panel, I think it would provide you more information upon which to make your decision, whether it is to endorse that as a panel, as a recommendation of the panel, to the Secretary and to Congress. So, I think in this case, it is probably an open-ended question, rather than a specific question.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But let me try also to give you an example and Kyle, please correct me, or anybody else here, please correct me if I am wrong.

Let's take the issue of consent. I

think Mr. Taylor was interested and raised some
questions about whether the California, let's

call it that, proposal is something that should
be looked at. Is that what we want? I mean the
language now, I think, correct me if I am wrong,
is something like freely given consent. Does
that really mean the California standard? How
does that comport with the other implications of
that consent?

If the consent standard is changed -well first of all, should it be changed? What is
the standard now actually in the cases? Should
it be changed and, if so, to what? And then what
are the implications for the rest of the statute,
if you change consent?

These are really detailed and nuanced questions, which take some pretty sophisticated legal analysis to look at. And that is what I think the subcommittee would do.

VADM (R) TRACEY: How is that specific sort of direction passed to the subcommittee?

How do we convey to the subcommittee that one the elements of a question that we have is, is this a suitable alternative approach?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, they will know that in a variety of ways. One, they will see it from the direction to create the subcommittee. We will communicate -- they can read all the transcripts of what we talked about. Kyle will be available to transmit what we are considering. And of course, by the way, I think one of the most important questions that they have to consider is with each one of the suggested changes, to balance the need for a change, the abstract hypothetical need if we were starting from scratch, tabula rasa, the best possible statute in the world, the need for a change versus the consequences of a change, in terms of disrupting stability and other kinds of disruptions that would happen in the system.

So, I think all of this will be communicated to them. I don't think that that is -- I could be wrong, Kyle, but do we need to be

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LT. COL. GREEN: Well, I think, ma'am, if there is a specific issue that the panel wants to highlight or raise, then we should do -- then the panel should do that. I think, otherwise, it is generally looking at the record the subcommittee will have. And the staff, obviously, supporting the subcommittee as we do you, will try to convey what we believe the issue that the panel represented. They will have access to the transcripts and so the intent that you portrayed of them, that is what we will use to try to represent that to the subcommittee. there are specific issues that you believe need to be highlighted, then there may be certain things that you want to emphasize more directly.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I think the example that was just given is of the sort of weight that I am looking for. We have a specific set of questions we would like to have considered in connection with the definition around consent.

And I would not like to think that we employ a

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subcommittee's time and they come back with equally fuzzy a response as we have because they have more time to invest in this, perhaps, but coming back having landed in the same place that we had differing opinions isn't going to be helpful to us.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I would also hope, as part of this subcommittee process, that to the extent, and this is where the subcommittee becomes really important, to the extent that they do believe that change is necessary, they may want to provide the actual language for a new statute. And that is very much easier to do in a subcommittee format because they can have conference calls and so forth.

So, I hope it is not going to be fuzzy but it is a very, very complicated thing to write a statute from scratch.

VADM (R) TRACEY: Please, I am not arguing that there is not enough for the subcommittee.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: No, no.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I am asking that the subcommittee get enough indication from us as to what additional insights we need to have for us to be able to -- you know yes, they could write statutory language but if we don't have clarity on why that language was the right fix, I'm still not sure that we even helped.

MS. FRIED: Ms. Holtzman, if I may?

The subcommittee process, what we did, the subcommittee came and briefed RSP on their work and their findings and had a dialogue. And if they think they needed further discussion and if they take it up to the subcommittee, it has to be in a public setting.

But things that are just vague or ambiguous to the panel members, they can still tell the subcommittee to go back and, you know, further clarify or address a specific point that the panel think needs to be addressed.

So, they have the opportunity in the procedure provided to get more clarity, if necessary, from the subcommittee until you are

comfortable with the work product that we can actually decide what needs to be done with that.

MR. TAYLOR: If I could just add one other thing, I think Admiral Tracey raises an extremely good point. I think the Chair certainly addressed it better than I could have, in terms of my own concerns about the standard.

But in the draft outline for JPP deliberations, some of these issues were broken down into specific questions, discrete questions. So, I think that even looking at this list of discrete questions, it becomes more clear what we would like them to figure out.

so, I think that there should be enough information out there not only available through the public documents but through further dialogue so that we can probably hit that nail on the head.

VADM (R) TRACEY: And I guess all I am asking is, is there a reason why those specific questions are not incorporated into the report.

So, we are not asking the subcommittee to go do a

research project about what the question is before they get to do the research on what the answer ought to be. And not in every case is that in the draft.

LT. COL. GREEN: There are eight questions related to definitions that are specified as questions in the report.

Is the current definition of consent unclear or ambiguous? Are consent or mistake of fact as to consent defenses under the current statute?

VADM (R) TRACEY: Those are yes or no questions. I think the Chair articulated around consent a pretty important and more in-depth set of questions that we were raising about a particular approach to addressing consent and whether that had relevance to us or not. And I don't believe the yes/no question is going to get the subcommittee focused on that particular question for us.

MR. STONE: I think your point is well taken that after each question it did say and if

yes or no, what should it be. In other words, elicit something beyond the yes or no, the yes or no and some explanation for proposal.

VADM (R) TRACEY: Okay, I am still suggesting that in that example, we have a particular line of inquiry that was of interest to us that we don't have the wherewithal to elaborate on in our committee. And I think if the subcommittee isn't aware that we want to examine a California rule, that may end up in a churn that doesn't need to happen for the subcommittee.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Admiral, I think you raised a good point. I think Mr. Stone has a partial solution. But I do think if you -- I mean when I read the report, the draft report, I did see more of a discussion that informs these questions.

For example, not only the issue that I raised as an example about consent, and I hope I didn't take your name in vain, but you know the issue of bodily harm. I think the draft report

explained some of the reasons that bodily harm, 1 2 the term could be confusing. And so, I think that that gives a sense to the subcommittee of 3 what they should be looking at in terms of bodily 4 But it may be that when they examine the 5 harm. statute, they will also find other problems with 6 7 the term bodily harm and maybe in the end they will decide well, despite all of these problems 8 9 with the term bodily harm, we don't think you 10 should change it.

So, I don't know if that satisfies you but the only other solution is that the staff should come back to us with more specific examples under each one of these items of what they mean.

Kyle, I don't see a smile on your
face.

LT. COL. GREEN: Well, I think what we tried to do in the report on each of these questions related to definitions was to provide a summary of what was heard from both sides on that particular issue. And then at the end of that

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subsection is what we intended to be sort of the analysis or reasoning of the panel as to why you were either closing the issue or turning it over to the subcommittee.

So, there is a paragraph, in terms of the definition of consent, that I mean talked about the ambiguity and seems to -- and it does refer to the concept of affirmative consent as described by presenters, which is from the California University rules. And so we tried to capture some of that or what we could to summarize that within the panel's report. And so, I am not sure if there are points, I guess, Admiral Tracey that we need to clarify there or do more than, I guess, we would need to --

VADM (R) TRACEY: If I am the only person who is uncomfortable, then let's move on. My read of this document leaves me concerned that the subcommittee will be faced with the same outcome that we had. They will listen to varying points of view and have to draw a conclusion without the benefit of knowing what are the

specific things that kept us from being able to draw a conclusion. I did not find this pointed enough, in terms of what are the questions that the panel thought they couldn't reconcile.

It is a great summary of what we heard but then why was the panel not ready to make some of these calls?

We do that in some instances. We don't do it in others. So, it seems to be a bit inconsistent. I am not clear on whether that is sufficient information for the subcommittee to work with. But I have stated my concern and let's move on.

LT. COL. GREEN: And I think maybe the overarching concern that you have, ma'am, and one of the things that the panel, and it goes to the aspect of this, is drafting language or drafting alternatives is, obviously, very difficult in this type of a forum. And so that is one of the overarching, I think, reasons why you decided to perhaps have a group, the subcommittee meet and look at these is simply the issue about if this

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is highlighted as a potential concern and there are things on both sides of it, how do we get to the point of generating alternative language or an alternative proposal. So, that is where the subcommittee can provide sort of that working group format to provide you more specific guidance of we have looked at this; we took your concerns. We made an alternative proposal and here is what that is. And then you are really looking at an alternative, rather than there are problems on both sides. What do we do?

I think part of it is intended to provide you more of a working group that provides you a solution or an answer; whereas, to at this point, what the panel has heard is really the concerns are the problems.

LT COL McGOVERN: Kyle, how about we develop a proposed appendix with a list of questions that we want the subcommittee or the members want the subcommittee to address, along with any other issues with Article 120? And that could satisfy the concerns of Admiral Tracey.

MR. STONE: I guess I would say that in terms of the February report, and maybe I am wrong, but I thought that as more of a status report as to how far we have gotten, and at least I thought that was a little different than what we might want to add to the subcommittee's agenda later, in other words, this is sort of a road sign of where we are today. And so I didn't think we needed to be, at least me, I didn't think we needed to be quite so pointed for February.

I agree with you as to where we are going and I think anything anybody wants to throw in is great but I think we are showing in this report how much we have -- the input we have gotten at this point and we are not quite yet at the output stage. That is going to take the subcommittee, we may give the subcommittee a hard time later but that seems to me to be maybe in the next report or something.

VADM (R) TRACEY: And it is the approaches that we are giving our status report

here and we will separately communicate to the subcommittee with some specificity around things that we particularly would like to have them examine. I am good with that.

My question was, how does that happen?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, then the

question is, I mean there is a possibility, Kyle,

isn't there, that the subcommittee will be

created in the relatively near future? So, the

directions need to be given in a relatively short

time. Am I wrong or can they be done at the next

meeting that we have?

LT. COL. GREEN: I think they could be done at the next meeting. The subcommittee has not been appointed yet. So, once that process happens, they will have to go through the appointments process the same way that you did. So, there is the administrative part of that. That is going to take some time. I don't think we would be looking before March probably before the subcommittee would be ready to begin its work, anyway, which is probably it would allow.

1	And certainly, if the panel wanted the
2	subcommittee to attend a public meeting for that
3	discussion, I think the panel could also provide
4	written guidance to the subcommittee as to its
5	issues. I don't think that it all has to be
6	encompassed in your report. I think Mr. Stone's
7	description, as we were trying to do it is
8	accurate. And this is sort of a sign post as to
9	where you are right now.
10	But and so any additional thoughts
11	that you would have for the subcommittee could be
12	shared. That would just be part of the
13	subcommittee's own consideration.
14	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: How do you feel about
15	that, Admiral?
16	VADM (R) TRACEY: I'm good with that.
17	If that is how we want to view this, I am good
18	with that.
19	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, is there any
20	objection to that?
21	So, Kyle, do you want to frame the
22	record, at least where we are going?

those issues under issue number one, those
definitions, there are eight questions framed in
the report for referral to the subcommittee for
further evaluation and to provide recommendations
to the panel, as the subcommittee deems
appropriate.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, that will be our disposition of issue number one.

MR. STONE: I don't know if we would be beating a dead horse but I was particularly intrigued in the materials we got ahead of time that a case was decided December 16th, U.S. v. Schloff relates to the very last of those eight questions, the definition of sexual contact. I thought that was a very interesting case, whether sexual contact can happen with a stethoscope.

And the only thing I was going to do was say and please comment on U.S. v. Schloff.

Now, they may be doing that anyway but I thought that that was a very -- we are looking for helpful judicial opinions fleshing out what is

here. And that looked to me to be very helpful, even though it didn't come from the highest military court, one level below, I gather.

LT. COL. GREEN: Right, it was the Army Court.

MR. STONE: The Army Court. But I want to be sure that the subcommittee looks at that. I gather they will if they sent it -- if we got it but I thought that helps some of the problems that we had and discussed at some length whether somebody could use an object to do it.

Again, as we pointed out, a lot of this stuff is new but as we get decisions like this, and that one is just exactly a month old, it may make some of the troubles or problems that people have go away.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. I mean maybe to broaden your suggestion, they should be considering all cases up to date, whether they deal with sexual contact or whether they deal with anything else and every case that is coming out this month or next month that they ought to

be looking at should be kept current. I guess you could add that to the guidance.

MR. STONE: Yes.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, does that take us past issue number one?

number two, which is does the panel have any further guidance, aside from the points you have made and we have already agreed on? Does the panel have any further guidance or input for the subcommittee regarding Article 120, statutory elements and offenses?

Well, I guess we have --

LT. COL. GREEN: And there were two specific issues that the panel referred to subcommittee consideration. Should the accused's knowledge of a victim's capacity be a required element of sexual assault? And then the offense of indecent act was an enumerated offense under a previous version of the UCMJ. It was not carried over to the 2012 version. And the question was raised, should that be added to the UCMJ as an

enumerated offense. And both of those issues were discussed and the panel determined that it was appropriate to refer those to the subcommittee for recommendations.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Any further discussion on issue number two?

Issue number three. Does the panel have any further guidance or input for the subcommittee regarding Article 120's treatment of abuse of authority and coercive relationships?

Kyle?

LT. COL. GREEN: And the panel referred five specific questions to the subcommittee for consideration. Those are enumerated.

Should the panel advise the subcommittee that it should consider 1) whether current charging mechanisms used by the military services are effective and appropriate; 2) whether the 2012 version of Article 120 affords prosecutors the ability to charge coercive relationships as a sexual assault; 3) whether a

specific provision of Article 120 should be amended to ensure that such relationships are covered; 4) whether an additional provision should be added under Article 120 to explicitly address these relationships; and 5) whether sexual relationships between basic training instructors and trainees should be treated as a strict liability offense.

MR. STONE: I know I am reading that last one and I don't know if this is an addition to that question as you read it or if this is a sixth question but I thought it related to that very last one that we ought to add the words should be treated as strict liability offense or alternatively, more strictly regulated.

In other words, this is a topic that concerns everybody and whether we go all the way to recommending a strict liability or just make it, in laymen's terms, a more easier offense to prove or recommend regulations in the military that you shouldn't have contact with these.

Whatever. So, I think that that should be

considered at the same time that they look at strict liability, which is strict liability is a crime without specific intent, no specific intent required.

In other words, there is a halfway measure there, too, and I think that that needs to be looked at in that question. It is not an all or nothing problem.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Just kind of in line with what Mr. Stone has said, I remember that we got two proposals with regard to the issue of sexual relationships between basic training instructors and trainees. One was the strict liability and that was Representative Speier's approach. And then Representative Frankel had a more -- had a broader approach; it wasn't strict liability, it was kind of an abuse of power, as I recall it approach.

And maybe throwing that in, Mr. Stone,
I thought that should be covered, to review that
proposal as well.

MR. STONE: Yes, and I was suggesting

even a little less in terms of maybe the recommendation would be if you had new regulations, we wouldn't go -- and here is what they would be.

So, I am just saying there is an incremental spectrum there and just so that that is addressed, the incremental spectrum, not all or nothing.

VADM (R) TRACEY: So, there are regulations and you are suggesting evaluating whether those are sufficient or whether something additional to them, short of strict liability would be --

MR. STONE: That's right. Whether it needs a new small hurdle, a bigger hurdle, or you need strict liability. In other words, that is a difficult issue. And I think, correctly, a lot of people were nervous about going all the way to strict liability. But I think most of them also agreed it may not function well right now without tweaking it in some fashion.

MR. TAYLOR: Just a follow-up on that

1	point. I think one of the major concerns was if
2	you have a relationship between a superior and a
3	subordinate that ends up in some sort of general
4	92 disobedience of orders, it may involve sex and
5	sex in a way that we would want to have that
6	person registered as a sex offender. But, if all
7	the person received was punishment under
8	violation of orders, then it would not, in fact,
9	require that person to register as a sex
10	offender. And I think that was what the gravamen
11	of the problem with using 92. So, I think that
12	one of the things that we would want to do, as we
13	spell this out, just to follow-up on what Mr.
14	Stone said, is to have them address that issue
15	because it could be that you could still maintain
16	a violation of the general orders offense but
17	somehow work that into the registration
18	requirements as a registered sex offender. That
19	would be another partial measure.
20	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, I think we should

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, I think we should add these three issues to the list.

LT. COL. GREEN: Okay.

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CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Or clarify the list 1 2 by adding those items. Unless there is objection, that will be done. 3 Okay, let's go up to issue four. 4 the panel believe Article 120 should be 5 bifurcated into separate offenses addressing 6 7 penetrative and contact, non-penetrative offenses? 8 9 LT. COL. GREEN: And this was not referred to the subcommittee. You determined 10 11 that there was not reason, based on your analysis, for the subcommittee to need to 12 13 consider this. And then the panel reached a conclusion not to recommend bifurcation. 14 15 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, issue five. 16 Does the panel wish to comment about DoD's implementation of the 2012 revision of Article 17 18 120? Kyle, would you explain that, please? 19 LT. COL. GREEN: This, I think, 20 Admiral Tracey, you have raised consistently one of the taskings of the panel is to look at the 21

implementation -- is to obviously look at the

underlying law but also to look at the implementation of that law.

And so this question is raised. We talk about the process for generating executive order guidance to implement the rules for Article 120 but this was not something that the panel provided much analysis or evaluation of. And so, it is a matter of whether the panel believes that that is appropriate at this time, if you want to comment on that or provide any additional guidance in the report?

WADM (R) TRACEY: If I could reiterate what my concern is here. It is that we are being asked to measure the effectiveness of changes that have been made and some of them have not been in place long enough to have any way to measure their effectiveness. But one of the facts we determined was that, in some cases, the full-blown implementation that would make them sustainably understood hasn't taken place. The Department is behind on getting some of the guidance that is required out so that people know

they are implementing what the change is. That hasn't happened.

And a stronger comment, perhaps, from the panel on the fact that that is impairing any ability to say that you have implemented changes that have already been made would be suitable, at this point in time.

I know we heard some things at our last session that suggested maybe it was moving along a little bit more than we had thought previously, but they are still not complete. It is not in the hands of the practitioners. And is that something that is worth a stronger comment from us, than just the fact that we heard that?

MR. TAYLOR: I would like to join

Admiral Tracey in suggesting that we do make a

point that we do not believe, as a panel, that

DoD has moved out as quickly as it might have to

implement some of these provisions. And I have

been among those who have asked questions of

people who have testified about this fact. What

do you think the problem is? And essentially the

answer seems to be it is just a big bureaucracy. We just have a lot of these rules and regulations under the Administrative Procedures Act, and others, public notice and comment. But I hear all that but I say yes, but it has been a long time.

And I think it calls for some sort of a comment on our part that it seems that the process is moving really too slowly.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I'm not disagreeing but I am just looking at issue number six, and so I want to understand the difference between issue number five and issue number six because I think issue number six explicitly raises that point.

And so what were you trying to get at in issue number five that is different from issue number six or are they the same thing?

LT. COL. GREEN: They are -- six is really an expansion on five in terms of there are overall issues with implementation.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, okay. Then why don't we just strike five and then renumber or am

I missing something?

MR. STONE: I think that, to be fair,
I would rather that it in some way express the
notion that we would like to know if the process,
the current process could be streamlined.

I don't know that I want to say length of time because some of the changes have happened quickly and some haven't. So, I think it is more a question of what was just mentioned here about I would like to have the subcommittee look at the current regulations that are in place and tell us if there is a process by which we could streamline this. So, that is why I wasn't sure I wanted to get the time line.

I almost feel like you know when they have international trade agreements, there are certain -- Congress has an expedited process they can do and then do it. And the question is, is there some streamlining that we could get either at the DoD level or if it has to be in each of the different services to more quickly get some of these -- I guess I want to say promptly. I

want to be careful what words I use because I know some of them require a certain amount of notice and comment and distribution and it is legitimate to get comment from people in the field and here there and everywhere.

So, that is why I wasn't sure -- that is why I think I like five better, commenting about the DoD implementation and say -- than leaving that out before we get to the specifics. Like maybe we combine them, those two questions but I kind of like the notion that we are looking at streamlining. We are not -- at this point we certainly are not wrapping anybody's knuckles.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Aren't there two issues here, though? One issue is that the 2012 revision is going to take time for the courts to sink their teeth into no matter what. I mean, the cases don't happen immediately. The appeals don't happen immediately. I mean it will, even under the best of circumstances, even with the world's most expedited process, if you have new terms in the statute, you are not going to get a

lot of case law for several years. And that is nobody's fault. That is just how the system should work, actually.

But to the extent that we have decisions that should have been made on implementation, either by the Defense Department itself, not through the court system but either through regulations that weren't issued, and we limit to the Defense Department but, as I remember, the White House also was a, can I use the word, culprit here. I mean, there is a delay coming out of the process of getting the White House to act on certain -- the President has to take executive action on some things. So, it is not just the DoD.

But is there some way we can be a little more nuanced in our concerns here? I mean, I think it would sound -- I don't think I want to be critical of a system that just has to take its time because it does, that is how it works.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I think you are

right. There are two issues. One is that time will have to go by before we can have the valid insights but that time is going to be elongated by the fact that the actual implementation is being so slowly executed. So, people are operating on opinion, not on any sort of standardized direction.

Yes, the judicial side of MR. STONE: it is going to be slow but nothing stops the administrative side, the judge advocate general, staff judge advocate generals from within, say, 90 days or 180 days of this new change, telling their staff what they think it means, until some judge says otherwise. And I think that is the stuff that we want to streamline, let's say that we at least get the troops understanding we may be calling for input on you know, please let us know your comments because within so many days, as Congress usually does, it says to the Executive Branch, put out a regulation within -you have 180 days to implement, knowing full well the judges may invalidate it five years later but

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CHAIR HOLTZMAN: May I make a suggestion here? I think that we should ask the staff to prepare a statement on the time issue for us. And then we can review it, if we all agree with it.

Maria, our guru or gura, I don't know

-- I'm not into Sanskrit so, whatever the right

term is -- can you advise us on how we would

implement such a process if the staff came up

with a suggested language, circulated it to the

members? If we all agreed, then what would

happen, then it would be added to our report. If

everybody didn't agree, then we would have to

have a meeting to resolve the issues or? Okay.

MS. FRIED: Yes, and I think if it is agreed upon, it would be mentioned in the next meeting that this was agreed upon by the panel.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I see, okay. So, I think we should do that. If we are going to do it by the -- if there is going to be another meeting on the 30th, we can do it then or it

won't be part of this report but it would be part 1 2 of our next report, if that is acceptable to the I don't know how you feel about that. 3 I think that is fine, yes. MR. STONE: 4 LT. COL. GREEN: Can I ask -- two 5 things I heard were a comment from the panel 6 7 regarding the implementation and the affect that it has had on the system and then I think, Mr. 8 9 Stone, you mentioned potentially referring this or some part of this to the subcommittee for 10 potentially coming up with alternate solutions. 11 Just so I know with the staff what we are 12 13 drafting. Is that something the panel --CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I don't think we have 14 15 focused on whether this should go to the 16 subcommittee. 17 LT. COL. GREEN: Okay, so we are only 18 talking about the commenting from the panel 19 level. Okay. 20 Right. Okay, so that CHAIR HOLTZMAN: is deferred. 21 22 I guess the only thing the MR. STONE:

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subcommittee could look at -- maybe we are overlooking a more streamlined procedure that is That would be the only thing, if out there. somebody knows if there is a somewhat quicker procedure than it goes to the Joint Services Panel, they send it around for comment. It goes into the Federal Register. The Secretary of Defense sends it up to the President. maybe something that is a little swifter on an interim basis. Like when you want something in the Federal Register, there are certain emergency procedures where you dispense with certain notice periods on an interim basis because you have to do certain things to get the ball rolling.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: My only view about that is that we are giving this panel a big job in just looking at 120. I mean that is huge.

So, I would recommend that if we have this other concern, maybe that is something we could look at ourselves.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I am with you. In fact, to me it is a fundamental concern. It is a

barrier to us being able to do what we were asked to do. And it does need to be commented on in the first report as something that the Department has to deal with. The subcommittee can't fix that problem. The Department has to do that.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. But I think what Mr. Stone was suggesting is that maybe we could also recommend an expedited kind of procedure in these cases. We haven't really looked at that. And so that is something that I would suggest not going to this subcommittee but that we keep it right here and if we want to look at it down the road, we can look at it.

VADM (R) TRACEY: Who do we -- I agree with you. I don't want to send this to the subcommittee. I don't believe it belongs there.

Could we ask, in this report, whether the Department has looked at opportunities to expedite the process?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, we could. That could certainly be a point there. And if we don't hear a positive response, then we can go

forward with this. 1 2 VADM (R) TRACEY: Yes, okay. Okay, so I think that 3 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: we are finished with the first issues on 120 in 4 the subcommittee. 5 LT. COL. GREEN: Just to close this 6 7 out, were there any other issues that the panel members determined that we should add to Article 8 9 120? 10 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, great. 11 can go to Issue B, which is JPP analysis and recommendations on SVC programs. 12 13 Issue number seven. Does the panel wish to provide overall initial impressions or 14 15 comments about the SVC program? Are you saying 16 aside from what is in the draft report, Kyle? I'm not sure I fully understand. 17 18 LT. COL. GREEN: Yes. Again, this 19 perhaps is easier to discuss at the end. I mean 20 obviously there are a number of specific issues on this specific point. 21

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So should we

just defer this item to when we finish when we go through all the rest of the issues in Item B? Is that okay with everybody?

Okay, so the first issue is issue eight. Do we believe that counsel selected to serve as SVCs have sufficient criminal law experience? Isn't this dealt with in the report?

You received information about the level of experience and the experience level of those who are selected to serve as SVCs. We received testimony from witnesses, the judge advocates general, as well as data on individual counsel to know their experience. Generally, based on the assignments process for the different services for their SVC programs, some of the services, the SVCs, by the nature of those assignments often have one to two litigation assignments prior to serving as an SVC; whereas, other of the services may be an initial assignment and come into the SVC position without any criminal law experience.

And so the question really posed from

that information is just does the panel believe that some comment is warranted on that or is that just the nature of the process.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, what have we said in the report, we just identified the issue?

LT. COL. GREEN: Right. This is just something based on the testimony --

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: The recommendation then.

issues from hereon out, the report does not include any analysis because the panel hasn't made any. So, these are issues that we believe were raised by testimony you heard or information you have received and points for you to discuss to determine whether or not it is something the panel wishes to comment on.

MR. TAYLOR: So, I will be glad to take the first crack at this. It seems to me, from the testimony that we heard that it is ideal for the SVCs to have had criminal law experience. And indeed, I think all the services but the Army

and perhaps the Coast Guard have that as a requirement.

And we also received testimony that for prosecutors and defense counsel dealing with SVCs who did not have prior criminal law experience, it was more difficult. And what I worry about in that situation is that the client will not be well served because the person appointed to represent him or her simply won't have the background experience to make the right calls at the right time and maybe end up intending to help the victim but putting him or in a worse position legally.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I agree with that.

And furthermore, this is a new program and so, to
the extent that it becomes a target for being a
barrier to the progress of the justice system and
what have you, it will get to be less well

CHAIR HOLTZMAN:

Any other comment?

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MR. STONE: And I don't know if it is

part of that question but should they have some 1 2 minimum length of time in a criminal justice system either as a prosecutor or a defense 3 counsel for which maybe they could be detailed or 4 prior to coming into the service, you know, three 5 months, six months, some minimum so that they 6 7 have had a couple of cases and they could see some of the problems. 8 9

I myself am probably not uncomfortable even with six months but I would want them to have something. I don't want them to step into that courtroom the first time never having been there.

VADM (R) TRACEY: So, if they are new to DoD, at least credit prior to DoD, service prior to DoD, you are saying.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: You mean in civilian sector having had courtroom experience but --

MR. STONE: But not necessarily. I mean it could be in the military if they came in and the SVC program detailed people without any experience to the prosecution service for six

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months and then they brought them back or 1 2 detailed them to the defense service somewhere for six months and brought them back, just so 3 that they --4 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That wasn't the 5 question. The question was were you including 6 7 civilian service. MR. STONE: Yes, I include civilian. 8 9 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But suppose somebody 10 had just civilian service, could they be 11 assigned, under your view, --12 MR. STONE: Yes. 13

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: -- immediately to the special victim's counsel?

MR. STONE: I think they could because I, personally, moved into military victim's assistance with just civilian legal experience and it was not impossible. It was I understood what I was looking for. Sure, I had to read more regulations and understand a lot of things but, generally, I was not at sea. And so I think that that would be a little more open for them, too.

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Okay. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I'm not sure 1 2 that I would agree to a specific time period but I certainly agree with the suggestion that 3 everybody assigned to this should have some prior 4 litigation experience. 5 In the criminal system. MR. STONE: 6 7 Justice system, yes. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: MR. STONE: In the criminal justice 8 9 system, yes. 10 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Maybe not criminal 11 justice system but prior litigation experience. MR. STONE: Well, then they are going 12 13 to come in with civil litigation experience and, as you may well know, the 95 percent of that is 14 15 depositions. 16 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Correct, okay. Well, but you might have had -- well, we can say 17 18 courtroom experience maybe. It is possible 19 someone with --20 Well, see my concern is MR. STONE: that unless they have a little bit of criminal 21 22 justice experience, the Brady and Giglio issues

are not forefront. And the Fifth Amendment,
First Amendment, Sixth Amendment, they didn't
wrestle with them at all. I mean the last time
they will tell you they did it is sometimes in my
first year in law school. And that could be a
long time ago.

So, you are right, I don't think we have to put a number on how long but they need to have a little bit of time in a criminal justice system in order that the first two or three clients aren't the ones they learn on who got, unfortunately, incompetent assistance.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Is there any disagreement with that? Okay, so, we will add that to our -- so, that is our response on issue number eight.

is, and this is just generally on all of these questions, we need to think about what the panel wants to provide in terms of analysis and whether there are specific recommendations, either explicit recommendation or just more of a

guidance the Department should consider, Congress 1 2 should consider. Something more specific than that or just the panel's impressions. 3 that is --4 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I think it is 5 stronger than it should consider. 6 7 MR. STONE: I think so, too. LT. COL. GREEN: On this issue? 8 9 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes, I think that the 10 panel recommends that all counsel assigned to special victim's counsel or the other term for it 11 have adequate criminal justice experience before 12 13 being assigned. LT. COL. GREEN: 14 Okay. 15 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Is there any 16 disagreement with that? I don't disagree at all. 17 MR. TAYLOR: 18 I think you could maybe add one more qualifier, 19 enough experience to be sure that they represent 20 the rights of their client appropriately, or something like that. So without, as the Chair 21

said, getting into three months, six months, nine

months. It should be enough.

MR. STONE: Yes, I don't think somebody who was a rape victim is going to be real comfortable meeting their special victim's counsel who comes in and admits well, you are the first one I have ever seen. I have been doing civil work until now. They are going to be like my God, what am I doing here.

LT. COL. GREEN: So, the staff will use the comments you provided in terms of the analysis for the panel's review of this issue and then we will build a recommendation based on that analysis.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right and preface it with the comments that we have heard from the -
I mean you have to support this recommendation and it will be supported by the comments that we have heard in testimony and presentations.

LT. COL. GREEN: Yes, ma'am, I think the --

VADM (R) TRACEY: I think this comes pretty close.

LT. COL. GREEN: Yes, ma'am. The draft will supplement what is currently in the draft report, subject, of course, to your edits but we will supplement the draft report with your analysis.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, issue nine.

Are SVC training requirements sufficient and does
the training itself adequately prepare counsel to
serve as SVCs?

LT. COL. GREEN: And we would note there is something in the report about this already from Mr. Stone's impressions from the August Army course that he attended. We did include that.

MR. STONE: My only issue from that was what happens to someone who is assigned to this and has missed the course or couldn't attend the course, and what do they do in the interim. But I thought they said some of this was on video and they make it available to them to see through a video. So, that was -- anytime you have a good training course, there is a problem until the

next six months when it is given again.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I mean my only concern that this is -- I think that from what we have heard, at least, my sense is that it is sufficient. But the question is what does the military have in place to assure that it is on an ongoing basis sufficient and do they have an evaluation program in place to ensure that that is okay. I mean, I don't know what they do with their other training materials.

VADM (R) TRACEY: So, the regular training is managed inside a pretty rigorous system with regular curriculum reviews and updates and so forth. I don't know that some of these categories of training get swept up in that system. So, that may be a good question to ask.

And then I think the issue of how long could the delay be before a newly appointed SVC who missed the training gets through the training and how many victims are they assisting in that time frame. Is there a way to substitute for the classroom training, if you missed it and you are

coming into that role?

MR. STONE: Well, I think that is why they were videoing it, that they have something on video.

VADM (R) TRACEY: And so something, perhaps, with regard to what is the policy by which you have to have completed that within X number of days of arriving in your assignment.

MR. STONE: Right.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Admiral, my only question is are we supposed to be asking questions in this report or are we supposed to be giving answers in this report. So, if we don't know the answer, I don't know whether we can raise it with DoD or whether we have to raise it in a future point, or whether we should say this is an issue that remains. We don't know enough.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I have agreed to that. I think those are the issues.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Okay because I'm not sure that we will get an answer from DoD. I'm not sure. It is like the Delphic oracle.

But I do think that we can say that
this is an area that we think we want to satisfy
-- we are not satisfied yet that there is
sufficient -- we have to do further inquiry to
assure ourselves that there is sufficient quality
control and assessment of the adequacy of the
training as it goes forward. Something to that
effect. I don't have the right language.

LT. COL. GREEN: And I think, ma'am, with the panel's continued review of all topics over the course of time, you can generate -- I mean provide impressions. And then as a follow-up issue, if the panel wants to have further briefings on particular issues, it just becomes a point of discussion.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, great. So, are we prepared to move on from that?

Okay, issue ten. Are the different organizational models (the Army uses legal assistance attorneys, rather than stovepiped SVC organization) used by the services for the SVC programs appropriate and/or effective?

Kyle, do you want to explain that a
little bit?

LT. COL. GREEN: The fundamental organizations of the SVC programs are different. The Army, Air Force, and Navy programs are organized within the overall umbrella of their legal assistance programs; whereas, the Marine Corps is a direct reporting organization to the staff judge advocate to the commandant. The Army's SVC programs are manned by their legal assistance mission at the base.

The Army has a specific section within legal offices or at an installation that is a legal assistance office. And that is the organization that provides -- it falls under the staff judge advocate but that is the organization that provides SVCs and the SVCs are organized under them.

The Air Force and Navy programs are stovepiped organization. They fall within the legal assistance mission of the JAG Corps but they do not fall under the base legal office, the

staff judge advocate or anything in terms of the installation's chain of command. They report directly up to the judge advocate generals through the legal assistance organization of the programs.

So, there are different models for organization. I think it has changed practically. I mean I think this impacts the experience level of the counsel that are assigned because the Army, people assigned to its legal assistance, as legal assistance attorneys tend to come in at the more junior level; whereas, the other programs use more experienced counsel to fill those roles in those stovepiped organizations.

And so the point of this question,
obviously there is a fundamental difference in
terms of these programs and does the panel
believe that it warrants discussion in the report
about those differences or any comment.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, my only view is that if the only real -- at this point, we

haven't heard anything that raises any serious issues except to the extent that this might affect the experience of the attorneys assigned. And since we have dealt with that in terms of our prior recommendation, perhaps we just postpone this point entirely until we see down the road what kind of impact this is having, if any.

MR. STONE: Does it mean that the Army has a harder time getting applicants who have some experience in because of the way they are set up? Is that impacting negatively on the last question, the last two questions, question eight? I mean I don't know if that is the case.

If it isn't, I am perfectly happy to say I don't care how they do it if good people are assigned. Organize it any way you want. But if it has a direct effect, if the others seem to do better because it seems to be a more -- the organization has a little more status or they get a little more budget money that way because all the services are moving people around when a little base doesn't have somebody available or

they had two victims and they have to bring somebody in. If it affects that they have enough travel money or enough stuff like that, that would be different.

But again, I think you are right. I don't think we have heard enough to know that, at this point.

VADM (R) TRACEY: It is a little bit too soon to tell. Right? It is a brand new program.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. I think the only part that any concern is raised is with the issue of experience and we are already addressing that. So, I would postpone this issue. I mean I don't think it is something that we should deal with now. Am I wrong?

LT. COL. GREEN: The other issue that was raised in addition to training, which I think your recommendation regarding training will have an impact in terms of who the Army assigns to these positions, if the Department would adopt that, it would change their -- it doesn't fit

their legal assistance office model.

But the other part of this is that the Army's program is organized under the installation staff judge advocate, who is also responsible for the prosecution of the cases.

MR. TAYLOR: That was the point I was going to make. I think the issue for me, and I am perfectly fine to follow the lead of taking this up in more detail later but there is a potential issue of influence from the front office. If you know that your SVC counsel is ultimately going to be rated by the chief of legal assistance who will be rated by the staff judge advocate, then that tends to put the potential there for undue influence or pressure on the SVC counsel. And particularly, if the counsel are relatively junior, it will be more difficult for that lawyer, with the best of intentions, to perhaps be as candid and forthright as we would like for him or her to be in representing their victim client.

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this, just from that point of view, because we did hear some evidence and testimony of cases of retaliation against SVC counsel. And I think the implicit likelihood of that is greater if you have a chain of command that has some leeway, some say, excuse me, over the SVC services than if you have a reporting chain that is completely outside the command.

VADM (R) TRACEY: Actually, at some point, though, the general court-marital convening authority has to own the success of this entire ecosystem or it will never have the impact we want it to have. It is not just about making sure that the trial counsel business is done right. They do have responsibility for whether the whole system is producing what it is supposed to produce.

And so if our solution is to guard against nefarious behavior by people by pulling apart the pieces of a system, then the responsibility falls to the TJAG to make the system work and it is not that TJAG's

responsibility. It is the line commander's responsibility to make it work.

MR. TAYLOR: Well, I would put it in the same line of thought, I suppose as why we have stovepiped organizations for defense counsel. Recognizing over at least a couple of decades that there is a potential there for some sort of influence that is not necessarily good, the services pretty much use stovepiped methods of dealing with defense counsel who have done that for years. And the question would be whether the SVC program ought to be viewed about the same way. At least that is the way I would frame the question.

And it would be a very small slice of what the GCM convening authority's overall responsibilities have to do with. But the GCM convening authority also would have no authority over the defense counsel because they are in a stovepiped organization as well.

LT. COL. GREEN: Or the MCIOs. The investigating organizations are independent as

well. And so that influence that the GCMCA has is indirect. It is not ADCON.

MR. STONE: And where that hits the fan, among other things, are when you have, for example, a resource cutback. You don't want the

person -- you want a stovepipe organization so
people who are focused on this decide if it can

be cut back, rather than cutting back everybody

ten percent and hurting some program more than

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So yes, that is where a stovepipe comes in. Because a lot of times, right, they can't cut back on the defense service when there is an across the board cutback because they have got to represent the people who are charged.

So, it is the same kind of thing. It may be that you are right, stovepipe makes more sense.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I find your -
LT COL McGOVERN: Representative

Holtzman, we can ask a follow-up RFI if people

would be seeking that information and ask the Army and the other services -- we asked them what their structure was but how did they come about that. How did the Army come up with that analysis? To provide more SVCs at every installation, what would they have to -- what was their analysis and what services would they have to cut back on if they were to develop a stovepipe organization? And that could be provided with the additional information.

MR. STONE: There is actually one other serious issue that I do remember from the training that I went to that cuts in favor of a stovepipe organization. They pointed out, and this is sometimes why the legal assistance office initially has more in common with the special victim's counsel than the prosecution service, and that was because the base commander and most of the people involved ultimately have a standard of is this the best policy for the service, for the broader good of whatever it is I am in control of here, this unit, this base, whatever.

And both the defense service and sometimes the legal assistance service, like in a divorce situation that they are handling for somebody or bill collection, and the victim's counsel do find themselves in a position where if they have to choose between the broader good for the service or the best, the highest good for their client, have to choose their client.

So, like if a client says to them I am going to drop this whole case because I am going to have a nervous breakdown if we go through with this rape trial, even if the base commander thinks it should go forward, that victim's counsel is probably going to have to probably wind up advocating that the case not go forward because he can see how fragile the mental state of his victim is, who has got to live the rest of their life and doesn't want a nervous breakdown.

So, that they did mention that this is a unique position being a special victim's counsel because the client comes before the service. And that is an argument for it being

stovepiped because it has that -- this is one of the very few places where that happens. It doesn't always hit the fan in most cases but in one out of certainly 50 or 100 cases, that decision is going to have to be made. And you are right, the base commander is not -- it is not going to be in his normal frame of reference. He is going to see it as obstructive, as probably the base commander should.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, my suggestion about this, in just thinking about it, is to raise the concerns that you have raised, both of you have raised here, and say that we are going to seek additional information on this matter.

I think that we should ask, I think, Kelly, that you raised a very good point. We can ask the Army to justify its decision. I mean not to justify it in a hostile way but to give the reasons, the explanation for why they chose this. And also what safeguards they have, if any, to protect against exactly the points that you raised about commander influence, willingness to

buck the system by representing your client as opposed to what the commander might want or the unit might want.

So, is that acceptable?

MR. TAYLOR: Yes, thank you.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Thank you.

Okay, so that is issue, where were we, oh, ten.

Issue 11. Should the panel make any suggestions regarding geographic location of SVCs, including those situations where SVCs are not assigned at the same duty location as their clients?

Kyle, do you want to --

LT. COL. GREEN: There was discussion from members and this is not unique to the SVC program. It is an issue that comes up with our defense counsel systems as well. But there are cases, obviously, where SVCs are serving clients who are at other installations. And so you heard testimony about the alternative ways those SVCs support their clients through video communications, teleconference, the like. But

there was discussion from some of the victim advocates, the victims themselves talked about the importance of that face-to-face communication. And so, again, just an issue that we noted for you as to whether you wanted to consider any of this.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Anybody have any comments, further comments?

I guess my concern is if we make a recommendation -- I am assuming that the reasons for this are simply both monetary and logistical. And so, if that is the case, I don't know whether our recommendation would -- obviously, the best thing is to have your lawyer next door. Well, maybe it is not the best thing, maybe down the block. But how practical is that?

MR. STONE: I remember I asked a question of several of the people at one of these meetings, would you rather have a video conference, telephone conference, and stuff like that and they wouldn't answer my question. They kept saying no, we want to be in person. Our

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experience is they won't tell us certain things except in a closed room in person, which it seems to me that I agree that there is personnel limits, there is practical limits. But I think we could still say something that, from what we have heard so far a distributed, rather than a centralized system appears to be better. least I think perhaps it was the Coast Guard said they have one centralized command on the east coast and one on the west coast with victim So, that is sort of like a centralized counsel. unit and everybody in-between goes there or they fly out to see you. And it did not sound like, at least from the preliminary data we have had from the other services and those victim counsel, that their clients were real happy with non-faceto-face contact.

So, it seems to me that if they are going to geographically not distribute them out, they are going to have to recognize it is going to cost them more in travel funds to be putting people on planes all the time. I mean, it can be

done that way.

The Department of Justice, the

Antitrust Division is centralized, basically, in

Washington, but there are people who are on the

road three-quarters of every month. Whereas, for

criminal prosecutions, criminal prosecutors are

Assistant U.S. Attorneys in 94 different

locations throughout the country. I mean there

is alternate ways to look at things.

But if you are going to centralize it, since face-to-face contact is what they are telling us, it at least means that to do that, they have to have a really big transportation budget.

The Air Force has it a little easier.

They own the planes. But I don't know what Coast

Guard is doing.

LT. COL. GREEN: Our victim's counsel aren't using those very often.

MR. STONE: Well, there you go. Then, that is not helping either.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Can we make a

suggestion here or a recommendation that we have heard, I mean the presentations have indicated that special victim's counsel feel that it is vital to have face-to-face contact with their clients? I mean recognizing practical limitations on the problem, we recommend that every effort be made to assure that this can happen. I don't know.

Or we can just say we don't have enough information and just take a look at this in more detail down the road.

MR. TAYLOR: Well, this is one of
those that I was surprised that people were able
to come up with as many inventive ways of
addressing this problem as they did. I thought
that the programs and the commands had been very
flexible in trying to make these resources
available. And if anything, bending over
backwards, recognizing that the best solution is
having someone right there on station. I thought
that people were pretty nimble in handling this
particular piece of the problem.

VADM (R) TRACEY: So, I agree. And so I think first of all, a positive comment to that effect might be helpful from the panel, reinforcing the fact that everybody who talked to us said this works best when it can be a face-to-face, ongoing face-to-face engagement between the victim and the counsel.

And then I think that several of the services have already stipulated that they are doing regular reevaluations of the distribution of these resources around the centralized, decentralized, and the specific decentralized locations and so endorsing that as something that needs to continue to be a part of the process.

LT COL McGOVERN: Kyle, there was an additional issue that the value of face-to-face counseling that we talked about, the issue of possible delay. I didn't know if you all wanted to address that.

MR. STONE: Yes, because they can't always get on a plane the next day or that day.

LT. COL. GREEN: Right, I think the

SARCs spoke specifically at your December meeting about the fact that a victim that they are working with locally, and SARCs do have a more geographic distribution, they are at every installation or every unit, and so they may see a case where a victim makes a report, needs to speak to a counsel or requests counsel, is assigned to counsel elsewhere and the investigation either has to be delayed or there may be some impact on that based on that. So, they did speak to you about that in December.

LT COL McGOVERN: And the investigators as well.

LT. COL. GREEN: Yes.

VADM (R) TRACEY: But I think it is consistent with our observation that when everybody is in the same place, it works the best. That there are downsides to that not being.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. So, that should be the recommendation but I don't -- as to the maximum extent feasible, that should be the

case.

VADM (R) TRACEY: And to continue to look for the creative ways to narrow the time delays and still respect the victim's preferences.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Are we onboard on that recommendation? Okay, thank you.

Kelly, I'm sorry my back is to you.

I don't mean to be rude. But that is the way we set up here.

Okay, so we are on issue 12. Should victim eligibility requirements to qualify for SVC services be consistent among the services and if so, what criteria should be used?

Kyle, do you want to comment?

LT. COL. GREEN: There is some difference. There is a general requirement under 10 USC 1044 (e) that requires SVC services to be provided to those individuals who are eligible for military legal assistance.

And so the 1044 umbrella for providing SVC support sort of creates the broad category

but the services have indicated, and the Navy spoke about its extending services to reservists or other categories of personnel, based on that. And so, I think the services are making some different interpretations of what victims qualify for that support and also what crimes. I think in particular the Marine Corps has extended SVC support to all victims of all crimes and the other services have maintained support only for sexual assault victims. And so, there is a difference.

MR. STONE: Okay. When you go beyond sexual assault, you could argue that it goes outside our mandate. The problem is that sexual assault cases can be dropped and become other kinds of assaults that are not sexual assaults when they are being handled. Or the sexual assault can also include armed robbery before the sexual assault.

So, it seems to me that I want to say they are sexual assault related but maybe the answer is in sexual assault investigations

because you don't know how it is going to play out in the charges. Maybe that is one piece of the eligibility requirement.

The other piece is a time piece that we heard about that I know exists, which is the person was an active duty member or an eligible military person's dependent when the crime occurred but it is now two years down the line and they are no longer a dependent and some of the services were struggling with what do you do with the person who is now an ex-wife and has no current relationship with the military services at all.

And so I think both of those issues would benefit by a consistent rule across the services. I don't see why either one is unique to a service. They are more unique to the victims and those are, frankly, the ones who complained to the press, to Congress people, to organizations, national victim service organizations, and they say well, if everybody had been more prompt and prosecuted this while my

husband was still in or I was still married to him, I would have gotten some services. So, how can you deny them to me now that it has simply taken you this long to get your act going and I am no longer married to him and/or he is no longer in the service, or whatever? He is no longer in the service but he is not the defendant. The defendant is.

So, it seems to me I do think there should be some consistency. If there is a good reason not to cover these people later on, then probably it ought to extend across the services and vice-versa.

I don't think you need to show a particular service what to do. These are hard cases, I admit, when the cases gets older and older. And now I guess the clearest thing is they just took the statute of limitations off rape. So you can have a case that is 20 years old and the person may not have been in the service for a really long time. And is that a situation that the service generally or the

Department of Defense wants to put some
limitation on time? We are going to assign an
SVC if it is less than ten years old. I don't
know. But I am just saying I see that as being
an issue and it sort of has equal protection
overtones, too. You are giving it to the people
who are getting prosecuted today but it got down
the line a little bit or a lot and now I don't
get it. What do I do?

So, I do think that it is an important issue and I think if it is not going to be consistent, we should sort of understand why.

LT. COL. GREEN: By putting the service under 10 USC 1044, Congress has established limits that the services are required to abide by. And so some of that, in terms of the categories of services of who they can provide services to, that may be a requirement to change the law to extend that out in order to allow the services to do that.

The other part of that, in terms of the Marines extending services to others outside

of these specific category of offenses is its own internal decision to do that. So, I think on the categories of personnel, if the panel wants to make recommendations on that, that is probably something that is going to have to change the law. In terms of the categories of services, that may be within the services to control.

MR. STONE: They changed that statute of limitations. They got rid of it. There are ramifications when you do that.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, you can't ask
Congress always to be aware of things. I mean it
is pretty hard for them to understand what they
are doing directly, much less all the collateral
damage that can happen.

My reaction to this is that we really don't have enough information about this to make a -- at least I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough about where the services are stopping, how people are reacting to it. Maybe this could be an item on the agenda for the future but I don't feel comfortable personally

making a recommendation to the Defense

Department, based on the record that we have.

MR. TAYLOR: I agree with the Chair.

That statute talks in terms of eligibility. It says these people are eligible for legal assistance. So, it ties everything into legal assistance, as if this is just another form of legal assistance like a will or a contract. And I don't think it really is. I think it is very different from that.

And I noticed in the draft report that
I looked at in talking about categories that were
excluded, including, of course, all civilian
victims who have no connection with the military
and there is a good number of those cases, you
just wonder what were they thinking about in
tying it solely to legal assistance when they
drafted the statute this way for the eligibility
requirement.

And I was looking at the footnote and I noticed, and this is not just a tease to a site, is there a reference explaining all of

those excluded? And I don't know enough about
the statutory history, that is footnote 230 in
the report. And I just wonder if we just don't
need to have more information about this and more
analysis to sort of figure this out because
equitably, I agree with most of what Mr. Stone
said, in terms of what seems like a right result,
a fair result, a good policy. But it seems to a
certain extent the statute has us hamstrung a
little bit.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I agree.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, so should we postpone this to a future agenda item for the panel to review? I mean I think those are very important questions, particularly about civilian victims and others.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I agree.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I mean if the military is really interested in dealing with issues of rape, I mean, in many cases where the rape is not a single occurrence, you have serial rapists, and so to protect people in the

military, you need to make sure that these cases 1 2 are properly resolved. VADM (R) TRACEY: Not just that. 3 a force like Air Force, which is a very tightly 4 integrated civilian military force, the fact that 5 a federal civilian employee victim is not --6 7 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Exactly. VADM (R) TRACEY: -- being counseled 8 9 in the same way is corrosive. 10 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Absolutely. 11 should definitely look at that issue down the 12 road. 13 LT. COL. GREEN: Would you like us to -- I mean obviously you provided some discussion 14 15 Would you like to have some of that discussion added to the report or just leave it 16 factual at this point and not? 17 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I personally don't 19 think it should be added to the report. We don't 20 know enough yet. LT. COL. GREEN: 21 Okay. 22 MR. STONE: But you could put it on

your side list as one of those agenda items that 1 2 we need at our next upcoming meeting. LT. COL. GREEN: 3 Yes, sir. That is clearly needed. MR. STONE: 4 LT. COL. GREEN: Well, I think we can 5 add exactly that. The panel believes this is an 6 7 issue that warrants further consideration and we will do so. 8 9 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. 10 LT. COL. GREEN: So, we can add that. 11 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Fine. 12 Issue 13. Are response personnel 13 adequately notifying victims about access to SVCs early enough in the process for victims to fully 14 15 benefit from SVC representation and guidance. 16 Kyle, do you want to outline that for 17 us? 18 LT. COL. GREEN: The requirements as 19 spelled out in the report is the law says that 20 victims must be informed of eligibility for legal assistance when seeking assistance from a SARC, a 21

victim advocate, a military criminal investigator

or other VWAP or trial counsel.

So, that is the clarity of the statute and you heard testimony that the SARCs and VAs provide information about SVC representation before the victims choose what type of reports to make. But there was some discussion among the investigators that they interpret that more broadly. They may begin the process and talk to the victim, take a statement prior to providing or discussing their rights to an SVC, whereas, others said they do it up-front. So, there is some differences of practical procedural use of this among the services.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: It is mostly though with the criminal investigators. Is that correct?

LT. COL. GREEN: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: What do the panel members think about this?

LT. COL. GREEN: There was a recommendation, ma'am, from the RSP that actually recommended to DoD that the right to an SVC

should vest prior to, at the earliest stages.

And I believe that DoD -- do you recall on that

-- I thought DoD declined. The recommendation

regarding for victims to be informed of their

right to an SVC prior to any discussion with

investigators. I believe that DoD did not adopt

that recommendation of the RSP, if I am not

mistaken.

MR. STONE: I'm going to add to this, as an observation here that in the civilian system, the federal civilian system, there is a requirement that the U.S. Attorney offices and all the prosecutors and the prosecutorial services and the criminal investigators give a brochure, which has turned out to become one piece of paper folded in thirds to the victims because they recognize that many times they get to the victims and the victims are still so, I don't want to say totally in shock but they are so preoccupied and focused either on what happened on them or trying not to think about what happened to them, that advising them that

they can have a victim's counsel and here is who it is and how you get them, goes right by them.

They will tell you tell you later they either don't even remember it happening or they certainly couldn't recall and they weren't in the mood to write it down.

So, everybody has come up and they are actually on the web but these very brief onepage, as I say folded sort of like this, the long way, and they print on all sides of it, that everybody hands and actually signs on the bottom when they hand it over, that they have handed it to the victim.

So, the victim goes home with a piece of paper. And the next day or the victim's husband or mother or brother can see it and it has got the services, the phone numbers. It really takes care of this were you notified at the earliest possible time. The people who were supposed to notify don't feel like oh, they are going to come back against me now because she can't remember anything and she was visibly upset

at the time or he was visibly upset. And it also satisfies the victim's need to know well, I can't remember what they told me but I have something here. And it helps them when they are a little calmer or it could be days, weeks, or months later decide yes, I do want -- where is that thing they told me for the -- I didn't think I needed it but it has got everything in there.

So, I wonder if this business about whether early enough in the process it may have something to with -- you know notified how?

Maybe it should say in writing early enough. And then it forces people to do this little piece of paper that they hand out and it just serves a very good purpose. It protects everybody who has to do the notice and get the notice.

So, I don't know if we want to just say that that is something we will take up later or what you want to do with that.

LT COL McGOVERN: I think we would still have to articulate like time because When is a question, sir. When you are notifying.

Because the requirement is to notify them of the availability of legal assistance. Maybe not have a right to a special victim counsel like a defendant has a right to counsel. So, investigators don't see it as a Miranda type warning that they have to give up front. First they try to develop a rapport. But if there is implications of collateral misconduct, other things, the timing does become important.

MR. STONE: Well, the federal investigators in the rest of the country non-military have to hand out that piece of paper if it hasn't been handed out before they got there because sometimes they are not the first one on the scene. Believe it or not, sometimes it could be the prosecutor. It could be some other group that gets there first.

But the investigators, the FBI, they will have a notice that they hand out and it relieves them of having -- you're right, sometimes they are uncomfortable saying -- they want to talk to the person but they don't

necessarily -- they feel more comfortable about 1 2 making all those warnings. It is just not part of their normal duties. So, they are not even 3 sure what it all means. 4 But having a document that has been 5 approved for that service that the investigators 6 7 hand out solves that problem. MS. TOKASH: Our investigators 8 9 actually do have that form. It's the DD-2701. 10 MR. STONE: Oh, okay. Yes, sir. And it 11 MS. TOKASH: contains the information of who the point of 12 13 contact is for the prosecution and the victim witness liaison officer. 14 LT. COL. GREEN: But it does not 15 16 include information about the special victim's counsel. 17 18 MS. TOKASH: Correct. I don't believe 19 it's been updated to that extent. 20 MS. CARSON: The Army has a specific form that they have them sign. 21 22 LT. COL. GREEN: Sorry, say that

again.

MS. CARSON: The Army has a form they have them sign that they notified about special victim's counsel.

VADM (R) TRACEY: That the investigator signs?

MS. PETERS: Yes, ma'am.

MS. CARSON: No that the victim signs.

MS. PETERS: And that form is servicewide because it is form DD-2910 was updated in the last year to include notification of the availability of legal assistance.

And I think one of the program
managers provided testimony that that is what the
investigators and what the SARCs - or at least
what the SARCs and the victim advocates are using
for their reporting out and notifying them of the
availability of legal assistance. I think the
question is do the investigators have a
corresponding form.

LT COL McGOVERN: The outlier, at this point, only the Air Force. The other services do

seem to have a policy to inform them up front but 1 2 the Air Force said they do not see it as a right to counsel but - so at some point in the 3 conversation they do advise them of availability. 4 MR. STONE: I'm thinking from all this 5 discussion, this is another one of those agenda 6 7 items that we need to put for a different meeting. 8 9 Right or maybe we can CHAIR HOLTZMAN: 10 just do one of these -- what do you call them? 11 LT COL McGOVERN: RFIs. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: RFI to the services 12 13 to make sure to find out exactly what their practice is and then we can make a 14 15 recommendation. 16 Okay, everybody comfortable with that? 17 MR. STONE: Yes. 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, we are up to 19 14. Is additional statutory or regulatory 20 guidance used to specify whether victims should be informed of the availability of legal 21 22 assistance and SVC representation. Doesn't this

go back to the same? 1 2 LT. COL. GREEN: The same prior issue, 3 yes, ma'am. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Issue 15. 4 Should there be standardization regarding the 5 scope of SVC's representation, especially 6 7 pertaining to representing victims in collateral misconduct matters? 8 9 Kyle, do you want to address that? 10 MR. STONE: That goes back to 12. LT. COL. GREEN: No, this is the other 11 side of it, in terms of -- and this is the issue 12 13 about a victim, obviously, who is in trouble for something and whether the SVC is qualified to act 14 15 in a defense counsel capacity for that person to 16 represent them in that matter. MR. STONE: Right, using drugs while 17 18 the sex offense happened. 19 LT. COL. GREEN: Yes, sir. There are 20 different practices among the services about the limits -- about what they allow their counsel to 21

provide.

I mean within the military system, you have to be certified as a defense counsel to practice as a defense counsel. And so SVCs are not certified defense counsel and so there is some limitation that practically flows from that about their ability to provide defense counsel services.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But do you want to summarize what the testimony showed? Kyle, do you mind?

LT. COL. GREEN: I think -- well, there is guidance that the 1044(e), the statute allowing for legal assistance for victims, legal consultation for collateral misconduct, what that allows them to do is talk with the victim about their right to seek military defense services but not necessarily to represent them in that matter.

And so the practical aspect of what you heard was SVCs saying how far can I go because in so many of these cases, there is minor misconduct on the part of the victim that may be involved. So, how far can I go in representing

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my client in the underlying matter, based on maybe my victim has an issue with underage drinking or something like that.

So, I think there are some issues that SVCs and VLCs are experiencing practically about what can I do in terms of negotiations with trial counsel or a legal office to not have that issue be a concern to my clients but in the context of negotiating the underlying sexual assault offense that they reported. And the services each and the counsel each described somewhat different applications of that in terms of how far they go or feel they are able to go.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Any comments from panel members?

MR. STONE: Makes sense to me the way we stand on this but there may be counter-arguments. I don't know. But it seems to make sense that if the 10 USC is applicable across all of the services.

LT. COL. GREEN: And I think there is -- we did just get an update this week from the

Under Secretary of Defense P&R, Ryan Oakley, and
I think the DoD is working on an overall DoD
instruction that will clarify the collateral
misconduct.

Julie, can you --

MS. CARSON: I think it is going to be in 1030.02. I think it is probably going to reiterate what is in 1044(e) that they can advise and I think it is going to go further than that. But it should be, they told us, within the next 30 days it should be released in the Federal Register notice. So, we will have that as soon as it is released and we can see what DoD says about it.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Should we wait to see what the DoD is going to do on this issue?

MR. TAYLOR: I think so because the answer to this question, to some extent, I think, depends upon another issue that we talked about earlier. The Army, for example, to its credit, says that only defense counsel can handle matters of victim misconduct, regardless of the severity.

And that is in recognition of the fact that they assigned people to the program who have had no defense experience or certified as defense counsel. Whereas, the other services that do have people assigned after having stints as being certified as defense counsel allow more leeway.

So, I think this is one of those that sort of makes sense the way they are doing it now but it goes to this other question about whether you ought to have people serving as SVCs who don't have this kind of background.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right because it seems to me it makes a lot of sense to have somebody who establishes a rapport with the victim right off, particularly if there is a minor issue, that that should be able to be resolved by that counsel. And then all of a sudden you have got to drop that counsel and the counsel can't resolve the whole rape issue and that has to go now to another lawyer. I think it is complicated for the victim.

MR. TAYLOR: It is.

LT COL McGOVERN: I think the Air 1 2 Force's proposal to address that is that they have been seeking defense counsel and the SVC can 3 then act as a second chair in that defense. For 4 instance, if they are seeking immunity in the 5 court-martial, the TDS attorney would have 6 7 expertise but the SVC still has a role. So, there are policies out there 8 9 trying to address these issues. 10 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, at least at this 11 point I feel uncomfortable making the recommendation. I would like to see what DoD has 12 13 to say and then maybe revisit this issue because it is really an important one. But it is also 14 15 something that the services are feeling out, 16 which is, you know it is a new program. I don't know that we have complete answers on it. 17 18 MR. STONE: In the rest of the non-19 military world, that same attorney would handle 20 all those problems. 21 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Correct. 22 MR. STONE: So, that is why it seems

so odd to us. 1 2 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. Okay, so we will wait to hear what DoD has to say and we will 3 revisit this, Kyle. That will be on your agenda. 4 Are monitoring -- issue 17. Are 5 monitoring and reporting efforts, which are 6 7 different for each of the services, appropriate and effective? 8 9 LT. COL. GREEN: Ma'am, we missed 16. 10 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm 11 Does the panel wish to comment on DoD's oversight of and regulation and guidance for the 12 13 services SVC programs? MR. STONE: We are doing that, aren't 14 15 we? 16 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, we are not DoD. 17 LT. COL. GREEN: This issue came up in 18

the context of the requirement is for DoD to establish special victim's counsel programs but the authority and responsibility for the administration and management of those programs goes to the judge advocates generals of each of

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So, there are services programs the services. 1 2 and the issue is whether the panel believes -- I know one of the issues when the DoD 3 representative spoke was that DoD doesn't provide 4 a whole lot of centralized direction on its SVC 5 Again, that is not different or 6 programs. 7 unusual compared to the other legal services that are provided by the services through the Judge 8 9 Advocate Generals Corps but it is a matter of 10 whether there are issues that the panel believes warrant discussion for centralized guidance or 11 12 control. 13 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well my point of view, I think one of the issues that occurred to 14 15 me is that you have different standards and 16 different procedures for evaluating these SVC programs in each of the services. Am I correct, 17 18 Kyle? 19 LT. COL. GREEN: That is correct. 20 Yes, ma'am. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I mean that seems to 21

me to be something that you would want to really

1	standardize. I mean I believe in initiative,
2	innovation, and so forth but if you want to know
3	whether something is working, it shouldn't be a
4	matter of which service you are in, in terms of
5	the overall program. There might be variations.
6	But I would hope that the DoD would be making
7	sure that the evaluations of these programs are,
8	if not standardized, that they are acceptable,
9	that the standards being used to evaluate are
10	acceptable.
11	VADM (R) TRACEY: It goes a bit to 17.
12	MR. STONE: Yes, you are combining 17
13	with it. That's okay.
14	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I know. I am trying
15	to move us fast.
16	VADM (R) TRACEY: But that's right.
17	I think that is where you would start, get a
18	centralized standardized view of how effective
19	the programs are to determine whether additional
20	centralized guidance is appropriate.
21	MR. STONE: Whose program is working
22	better or whose program is not working the way it

should.

Because by comparing them, if it is a problem that all the services are having, then I think there is a presumption that it is a function of the military's system that you can't do this. But if some services overcome problems like how long it takes to notify the victim or get them counsel or whatever, and you are way out of sync, then maybe you do have to rethink your internal organization.

VADM (R) TRACEY: And it may well be that the answers to some of the other questions that we have tabled, like whether the org structures should be different from the way they are set up today might give rise to a set of sort of guiding principles that we would recommend DoD might want to embrace, even if they are not going to write regulatory guidance that they would set some parameters that characterize an effective program.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But so, what is our answer to issue 16?

1	MR. TAYLOR: It seems to me, if I
2	could just suggest this, that our answer could be
3	something along the lines that it is not apparent
4	that DoD is currently exercising any oversight or
5	regulation of this particular program, although
6	they probably should consider doing so. They
7	have issued no instructions, no directives, no
8	regulations regarding the program since its
9	inception. And now that we have best practices
10	being developed by some services and perhaps not
11	so good practices developed by other services, it
12	will be high time to take a look at that.
13	VADM (R) TRACEY: And in order to do
14	that, they need to execute on issue number 17.
15	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. And they
16	should be evaluating the monitoring and reporting
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18	MR. TAYLOR: Right.
19	VADM (R) TRACEY: Right.
20	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: in each of the
21	services. So, is that the point we are going to
22	make on 17, that DoD should be reviewing that?

VADM (R) TRACEY: Uh-huh. 1 2 MR. TAYLOR: I agree. 3 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. LT. COL. GREEN: I think the nuance 4 with 17 is that there are differences even 5 internal with the services. And again, you 6 7 talked to the newness of these programs but each of the services described different evaluation 8 9 standards that they have internally for how they 10 are monitoring their own programs, what measures 11 of success or concern they have established. And 12 certainly some of that is natural but this point 13 goes to the --To 18 now? 14 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: They all sort of 15 LT. COL. GREEN: 16 flow, yes, ma'am, the oversight evaluation. Well, I think the 17 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: 18 point we are making, though, I think Mr. Taylor's 19 point is exactly correct and I think then we just 20 fold in 17 and 18, which is to make sure -- is that DoD -- that we are concerned that the --21

isn't it that we are concerned that there be

adequate measures for evaluating each one of 1 2 these programs in the services and that it is DoD's responsibility to ensure that that is the 3 case? 4 And isn't it true that one of the 5 services isn't even going to begin evaluation 6 7 immediately, that they are going to be waiting a year or two or am I wrong about that? 8 9 LT. COL. GREEN: Meghan, in terms of 10 what we heard from the services about program evaluation, do you recall one of the services 11 indicating that they were not currently doing any 12 13 evaluation and were going to delay that? Yes, and I think that the 14 MS. PETERS: 15 Navy said that. 16 No, I think it was the MS. CARSON: Marine Corps said that they were looking at their 17 18 long-term metrics but they are still tracking 19 some information. They are all tracking some 20 information of the program data set. The program has been 21 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: 22 in effect for a year and it seems to me that they

should have been, at the outset of the program, developing metrics to evaluate it. And so, this is not good, in my opinion, not adequate.

MR. STONE: Well, at the minimum, it is not adequate for us. We can't do our evaluation process. I mean maybe they have a longer framework than us but, given the sunset, ultimately, of this panel, we are not going to be able to report back if they don't start giving us some evaluation. And I don't think they want us to report back everybody's given us evaluation except the Navy because they can't get it together.

So, I think that at least with an idea on us, they have to figure out how they are going to give us some data in a timely fashion first.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I would rather that we couch this in terms of the management of this program for the purposes for which it is intended, not in terms of what this panel needs.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right, exactly. I agree.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I think you have 1 2 framed it exactly right. LT COL McGOVERN: The Department of 3 the Navy, they are now reporting. The Navy just 4 said in FY15 they are going to do a self-5 assessment, which is on page 45 of the draft 6 7 report. MS. CARSON: All the services provided 8 9 metrics that they track. They just aren't all Some track far more than others. 10 the same. 11 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: And some what? 12 MS. CARSON: Some track more things 13 than others. That is the problem. 14 MR. TAYLOR: 15 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. 16 MR. STONE: It goes to that uniformity And I would say this raises an issue 17 business. 18 which I have had from the beginning, which is when the FBI tracks its uniform client statistics 19 20 and it does it across every state, as well as a couple separate agencies of the federal 21 22 government, they give you the parameters.

say we don't care how you collect it; we want the 1 2 number in this category back. If you have to interpolate or guess for it, whatever, we will 3 take your best number. We are not telling you 4 how to get there but in order to compare the 5 states and the federal government on how we are 6 7 doing, this is how we define whatever. This is the date range. This is whatever it is. 8

And so, I think that collecting those statistics to be useful for the rest of the world, at least the rest of the country that is looking at this, there has to be some of that kind of overall look.

And frankly, I am troubled that the services are not reporting to the FBI at the end of every year when every state is doing it. I don't know what the exception was but that is going to be somewhere either that is a future topic or something here.

I don't understand why uniform crime statistics don't include the hundreds of thousands of people we have in the military.

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CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I would postpone that because that is a statistic on incidents. What we are talking about right here is the evaluation. And I think that it is really important to make sure we have quality control in that evaluation and it is really important also.

I mean at least there would be a basic minimum that everybody has to adhere to to assure this program is working. I mean it is important because they have cutbacks in the military now.

I mean, how much does Congress want to support this kind of thing? I mean I think from a practical point of view and from also making sure that the program is really working as it is intended to, I think the DoD has a responsibility to assure that the evaluations are appropriate.

I mean just not write it off and say oh, well, yes, Marine Corps is looking at this and Navy is looking at that and somebody else, you know, laissez-faire and it shouldn't be.

MR. STONE: And there has to be some kind of client satisfaction metric because if the

vast majority of clients are happy or unhappy,

that affects whether it should continue being

funded. I mean maybe they will say we don't care

about it but you have to have something from the

clients, too.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right and how is that being collected, Kyle?

LT. COL. GREEN: Currently, the only service that is -- well, I'm sorry. The Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard told us they have victim satisfaction surveys, although the Navy and Coast Guard say they don't consider them an evaluation metric of their program. The Air Force does.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, see, that is really an important thing. Are you going to evaluate the program without including victim satisfaction? I mean that is a very interesting way of evaluating a program that deals with providing services to victims. But I mean that is why I think there needs to be a firm, centralized guiding hand here.

1	And also, to include specifically in
2	our recommendation that they should be reviewing
3	the issue that there need to be victim
4	satisfaction surveys as well, conducted by all
5	the services. And the questions that go into
6	victim satisfaction surveys have to be reviewed.
7	How are you measuring it? What do you want to
8	know?
9	LT. COL. GREEN: The report talks
10	about a program that is under development by the
11	DoD SAPRO office, which is the survivor
12	experience survey. The panel hasn't heard about
13	that from DoD but some of the services talked
14	about that they will use, they won't develop
15	independent surveys, they will use that survey as
16	their tool for determining victim satisfaction.
17	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: When is that survey
18	coming out?
19	MS. CARSON: It was part of the report
20	to the President in December that was done by the
21	Sexual Assault Prevention and Response DoD.
22	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, we haven't had a

chance to look at that yet.

LT. COL. GREEN: That's right and it is a one-time survey. I don't know that it is ongoing.

MS. CARSON: I'm not sure what the -I mean we just haven't heard enough about it.
I'm not sure what the frequency of the survey is
going to be. Two of the services are going to
rely on that and the others all have their own
victim satisfaction surveys. They are all
different.

between that is that is sort of a set time, here is when the survey is conducted versus the victim satisfaction surveys of the other services, which are provided to the clients, based on when they conclude services or at some point during their representation. And so, it is an ongoing assessment versus a periodic assessment through the NCIS.

MR. STONE: That's okay. At least somebody has thought about the kinds of questions

to ask and who to ask them to. That's good.

So, what are we

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LT COL McGOVERN: For issues 17 there are actually four measurements that we found the services used, one being the victim survey, second was conversion rate from restricted to unrestricted. And there was also the rate at which people are actually using an SVC, which we are calling a utilization rate. That is something they are not tracking but we were wondering if you all wanted to comment on some of those specifics mentioned in the report as whether they would be a good measurement. seems we are saying victim satisfaction would be a good measurement. Whereas, conversion rate, is that a reflection of the SVC program or just something we should be tracking?

If the panel members could address those issues within 17, that would be helpful.

MR. STONE: I, myself, think that there are some components missing there. For

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example, I would like to see the services tell me
the retention rates after looking some years down
the line at people who have been served by
victims and victims who haven't had services as
compared with the retention rates of non-victims
because most of the victims that I have heard
from don't want to stay in the service after
that. It is too complicated if they are moved to
a different base or there were rumors, et cetera.
And so, you know with that is a consequence of
sexual assaults in the military. It would be
nice to know if providing special victim's
counsel has any impact on keeping people we would
like to keep.

MR. TAYLOR: In terms of answering the question are monitoring and reporting efforts different for each of the services appropriate and effective, it seems to me that there might be the consensus in this group that the Army and the Marine Corps, since they do not identify victim satisfaction as a program performance standard, is not something we agree with.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Correct.

MR. TAYLOR: So, we at least agree with that, that if you are not gauging victim satisfaction, you are not doing a good job of measuring performance.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. We agree on that.

And the other point, though, that one might want to consider is whether it is sufficient just to have a victim satisfaction survey done once a year, as opposed to getting it while the victim is in the course, or has finished -- I mean I don't know what the proper point is. I am not a survey engineer. But when do you assess the victim satisfaction and is the SAPRO measurement correct and how are the other services, when are they measuring? And what are they asking in terms of victim satisfaction? Are the questions adequate?

I mean, so, it is a concern I have.

VADM (R) TRACEY: So, we agree that the fact that two services have elected not to

consider victim satisfaction as a criteria is not satisfactory.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Correct.

VADM (R) TRACEY: We have heard about this survey that has been developed. We have not seen the question that are in that and it is a once -- maybe a one-time. We don't even know if it is one time or not?

LT. COL. GREEN: No, ma'am. It was administered in 2014 as part of the overall surveying process that they did with Rand and incidents. And so we don't know. We don't have information as to when it may be used again.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, my suggestion, then, is still to go back to the basic point, which is saying DoD needs to take an active role in the measurement and performance of this program. And along with that, we have the specific concrete suggestion to make that victim satisfaction surveys need to be part of the measurement of the effectiveness of the program in both the Marine Corps and the Navy -- no Air

Force.

LT. COL. GREEN: Army unit.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: And then, do we, ourselves, want to look at this issue in further depth or how do you feel about it? Do we need to?

VADM (R) TRACEY: I think so. I mean this has been our problem here is that the data that is collected on any of this is not particularly informative. So, if we have got --

MR. STONE: We are getting numbers about values and dollars but it doesn't -- we don't know if that translates into satisfaction.

VADM (R) TRACEY: Well but not just satisfaction. I think it is important to measure some of the mechanical impacts of the program. So, if in fact the way it is being executed is contributing to delays, is there data that would substantiate a different model for executing it, for instance? I think things like that are things that the panel wouldn't necessarily need those but the DoD should be looking at those

kinds of precursor kinds of measures of 1 2 effectiveness. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, we haven't 3 actually looked at the surveys. 4 VADM (R) TRACEY: Correct. 5 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: We don't know what is 6 7 in the performance. We don't know -- so maybe we can make those two points and then take this up 8 9 as an agenda item and maybe hear from some 10 outside people who can take a look at the surveys 11 and give us an impression about how good they 12 are. 13 VADM (R) TRACEY: So, those are surveys but I think question 19 raises an issue 14 15 around some of the issues that the people who 16 testified raised with the programs and whether any of those should be monitored. 17 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, you are getting 19 ahead of me. I thought I was racing ahead. 20 So, are we finished with whatever it is, 16, 17, and 18? Are we up to 19? Anybody 21 22 have anything else to say? Okay, so let's look

at 19.

LT. COL. GREEN: One point, and I don't know, ma'am, if this goes to it. The staff, on behalf of the panel, made a request for information for specific data counsel by counsel for people serving in the SVC program. We received that at the end of December and so we have been crunching that and trying to put together that.

Because like you said, there aren't any -- the services have not indicated to us in the RFIs that they don't have program evaluation standards, other than the Air Force and it provided three that are spelled in the report.

But we used that data to determine three measurements that were sort of top line data or one based on our review of the data and, two, based on what the Air Force is saying it is doing in terms of looking at issues about how victims are represented.

And so what I sent you yesterday was a possible --

Oh, I didn't get --CHAIR HOLTZMAN: 1 2 LT. COL. GREEN: It is in your folder, ma'am. 3 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. 4 LT. COL. GREEN: 5 -- possible additional piece to the report about evaluation 6 7 data and criteria. The services don't measure utilization 8 9 So, the services right now don't track of those victims who file an unrestricted report or 10 11 a restricted report, how many of them are obtaining services from an SVC? 12 That is not 13 something they are looking at. We were able to look at the data and 14 15 determine what those rates are. So, from what we 16 got from the services, 73 percent across DoD of victims who filed an unrestricted report are 17 18 obtaining services from an SVC versus 23 percent 19 for those filing restricted reports. 20 And so, we think at least in terms of a top line look as to the depth of how well the 21

program is getting to the victims who are filing

reports, this might be at least an initial indicator as to how they are doing.

So, again, not necessarily the only indicators that DoD might want to consider but I think the panel's analysis could help educate DoD on maybe some things you all believe might be worth tracking and looking at.

And then the second two, the other metrics that we found data for were conversion rates and the Air Force does track this, and DoD actually tracks this, how many people convert from a restricted report to an unrestricted report. And I think the perspectives of the program managers and the programs is that working with an SVC increases the likelihood that a victim would be willing to move or will want to change, not be willing -- I don't know that they take an advocacy role in that -- but will want to change from a restrictive report which can't result in any criminal prosecution or action over to an unrestricted report that the service can take action on.

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And the data represents that out. I mean DoD's conversion rate for all victims who have filed a report is about 19 percent. And based on the data we looked at, those conversion rate for those victims who are represented by SVCs is 36 percent with 17 percent increase overall in the number of victims.

Again, just a statistic that would indicate the value of the SVC program for those victims that filed.

And finally, the dropout rate, the services measure, the number of victims who declined to participate in the military justice process, that is something that they track just in terms of where the cases go. But the services and the Air Force is tracking specifically the dropout rate, the number of victims during each stage of the process from investigations through completion of the judicial process drop out of the process. And so we were able to calculate those numbers for DoD in each of the services that indicate how many drop out of the process.

1	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But there is nothing
2	comparative here.
3	LT. COL. GREEN: No, ma'am, there is
4	not. Comparative to what?
5	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Comparative in the
6	sense of people who are not represented by SVCs,
7	what is the dropout rate?
8	VADM (R) TRACEY: The total dropout
9	rate is the last number.
10	LT. COL. GREEN: But these are only
11	ones who were represented by SVCs.
12	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I am interested
13	in the ones who are not represented by SVCs.
14	MR. STONE: Where is your control
15	group, she is asking.
16	LT. COL. GREEN: These numbers
17	represent the total dropout of only clients who
18	are represented by SVCs. The ones who are not,
19	we don't know.
20	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, that is
21	LT COL McGOVERN: Well, and I think
22	the measurement actually for the Air Force refers
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to is a 2011 before the program was initiated 1 2 what was their dropout rate versus now. 3 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. LT COL McGOVERN: Rather than, do you 4 have an SVC or --5 So, what is the CHAIR HOLTZMAN: 6 7 comparison there? LT COL McGOVERN: Again, we think 8 9 slightly different numbers but in 2011 the Air 10 Force had 96 victims drop out of the prosecution, 11 which was a 29 percent rate. There are, our 12 response said they now have a 28 percent rate. 13 So, that measurement isn't showing great progress but if you look at the numbers we 14 15 compiled based on different data to see if you 16 had an SVC, were they dropping out or not, you come up with a different set of numbers. 17 So, the 18 key will be to define dropout rate and are you 19 comparing it to previous years or are you 20 comparing whether they had an SVC or not. The Army actually started their 21 22 special victim prosecutor program in 2009 and

that is where you have a specialized prosecutor on sexual assault cases. And Colonel Mulligan testified in December of 2013 that they only had a six percent dropout rate once they had the SVP program.

So, it is hard to necessarily attribute a dropout rate to do you have a really great prosecutor or do you have a really great victim's counsel? But it is an indicator of are victims being more satisfied or are we avoiding victim fatigue by providing these additional services?

MR. STONE: Well, there is also a complicated factor there, which is, and I don't know if I am getting somewhat into the next issue, but they are related. And that is, as soon as you brought in special victim prosecutors and you brought in victim assistance, the VAs and the SARCs, you covered what at least in the initial break-in period, was about 90 percent of what the special victim's counsel were doing because you were now providing a person with

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expertise and training to be a contact and a confidant to the victim. And at least at the early stage, a lot of those victim counsel, and this may be still be going on, were not really allowed to litigate very much, so they were more like counsel in the office, not counsel in the courtroom. And having what amounted to a paralegal or a trained social worker in that office provided a lot of the same overlapping services and much more than there was before you had those programs.

So, I think that finding the additional effort and effect gets a little more complicated. And one reason I say it has some overlap is, and I guess this takes -- I don't know if we are ready for question 19 but -
CHAIR HOLTZMAN: We are. I think we

are, yes.

MR. STONE: Okay. As to question 19,
I certainly heard during these hearings
stakeholders who were clients, SVCs, SARCs, all
state that there were a lot of times when they

1	were not given the charge sheet, when they were
2	not given notice of hearings that were not
3	necessarily Article 32 but other pretrial
4	hearings, when they were not invited to attend
5	the hearings, when they didn't get pleadings, and
6	when they showed up when they told they wouldn't
7	be heard because this was not a 412 issue or a
8	513 issue. And, indeed, even that had to be
9	litigated in LRM.
10	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Mr. Stone, excuse me.
11	I made a mistake. I don't think we are up to 19
12	yet.
13	MR. STONE: Oh, okay.
14	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Kyle just brought
15	this to my attention. I didn't get these
16	materials yesterday.
17	MR. STONE: Oh, so, you think we are
18	still on 18? Okay.
19	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: We are still on 18.
20	MR. STONE: Okay.
21	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: My own reaction to
22	the work you did is first of all to complement

1	the staff on taking these numbers and massaging
2	them in a new way. But I must say that if you
3	look at the utilization report of SVCs and
4	restricted reports, that does raise a very
5	serious question. And actually the total, I mean
6	even when unrestricted reporting is taking place,
7	it is only 73 percent raises a question. But
8	that it is 23 percent for restricted reports does
9	raise a very serious question as to why that is
10	the case. And that needs to be really understood
11	better.
12	LT. COL. GREEN: And I think one of
13	the points from that, Ms. Holtzman, is this is
14	what allows you to maybe provide some of those
15	targeted areas that you need to consider and do
16	that. And currently, the services aren't even
17	looking at that.
18	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, that is the
19	point.
20	LT. COL. GREEN: Yes, ma'am.
21	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, I think that this

goes exactly to the points that we are making,

that there needs to be some total overview of what information they are getting and secondly, then, what are they doing about it because this really raises -- I mean on the one hand it is good, if you look at the conversion rates, those that are a 17 percent increase. That is a great number. I don't know what to make out of the third chart because there is no comparison.

But I must say I am troubled about the restricted reports, the number of percentage.

So, what does that mean? Does that mean that there is not enough communication to the people who have made restrictive reports about the fact that the SVC is still available or is available to begin with or that it is not being understood? I don't know what to make of that number but it is not a great number.

So, I don't know how we want to include -- I mean I haven't read this document, so I can't say that I wouldn't propose changes to it but the numbers are important and should be included in the report. But I think that this

just goes to the points that we have been making, that the analysis of the numbers is not good enough. The measurement of the program is not good enough.

MR. STONE: And actually what you are saying is what I thought our answer should be, that we table there to question, is it seven, which was do we wish to provide overall initial impression or comments about the program? Yes, the evaluation is not getting off on the right foot. It is not comprehensive. It is not uniform. And so we are not getting enough meaningful stuff. That is how I would look at seven, which we sort of tabled before.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I think we can put it in the answer to issue 17 -- 16, 17, and 18. I have no objection if anyone wants to add it again in an earlier point on that, some in favor of redundancy.

LT. COL. GREEN: And I would say we have gotten tremendous participation from the SVC programs and we have gotten a lot of information.

I think part of it is the newness of these programs that a lot of this is still under development. I guess the only thing I would say is I think the services have provided us as much as they can. It is simply that it doesn't exist, in a lot of cases.

MR. STONE: Or it is not coordinated to ask exactly the same questions. That goes to the coordination.

Yes, they are providing data but we have got to get the same parameters so we can pair one against the other or the same date range. You know we have to have, and maybe it has to come from higher up, so that -- because they are collecting data. I totally agree with that and then I feel bad that you get data that doesn't mesh with the other services' data.

VADM (R) TRACEY: So, is part of the answer to 18 we think that a client satisfaction assessment of some kind, whether this survey is appropriate or not -- we don't know we haven't looked at it -- some of these which are sort of

proxies for client satisfaction, these sorts of metrics ought to be being collected, measured and baselined against something so that you can know whether you are progressing or not.

And then a third set of metrics, perhaps, that are about the way the system is set up, whether it is working effectively or not, in terms of just the ability to make the service available to enough people and so forth which have to do the mechanics on time delays and so forth.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes, plus then, when they have the information, what are they doing about it? But if they don't have the information they can't even address it.

I guess what worries me, though, is that, or concerns me is that why would you want to hire three separate groups to develop metrics for a program that applies uniformly across the military in terms of client satisfaction, what works and so forth?

VADM (R) TRACEY: So, aren't we

addressing in answer to 15, 16, --1 2 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes. Sorry, I am just repeating myself with rhetorical questions. 3 So, do you have this, Kyle, what we 4 are planning to do? 5 LT. COL. GREEN: Yes, ma'am. And I 6 7 guess the question is, I mean I know this is new material for the panel and it is a matter of 8 9 whether this is something you want to include in your report, this additional language. Again, I 10 11 think we can couch it by, and I don't think we believe that this is everything that could be 12 13 monitored or should be monitored from the data but it is an example of what can be done with 14 15 evaluation. 16 And certainly the panel can help just providing maybe some recommendations. 17 18 MR. STONE: The only thing I was 19 surprised wasn't in there I thought you were

MR. STONE: The only thing I was surprised wasn't in there I thought you were going to do something on utilization of transfers among victims because I thought that was the data that people were keeping. And so, therefore, the

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anything out of how many victims are or aren't requesting transfers. I know I think that also that retention rate is important, too, to transfer help but I am not sure that that has been collected from victims already. So, maybe that is a future thing that they do have to look But I thought there was some transfer data, those emergency immediate transfers and that maybe that would play into this as a formal question in client satisfaction, too.

They could be less satisfied but they needed to transfer, whether they liked it or not, or it could be not take the transfer and not be satisfied. I mean I don't know how it cuts but I think you could tease some interesting stuff out of that, too.

LT. COL. GREEN: Yes, sir. That is something we need to continue. Julie, why don't you --

Well, what we asked for, MS. CARSON: if I may, what we asked for in this data call

that we did from each of the services for the first time you were able to collect the data, we asked the same question to each service by SVC. We said please list every SVC and then we asked all those question. How many unrestricted? How many restricted? How many expedited transfers were requested? How many expedited transfers were granted? How many trials were attended? How many Article 32s were attended? How many dropouts happened during the investigation? How many dropouts happened? And so that is the table that you are looking at is the compilation of the data that we sought across the services, asking the same questions.

So, our thought is that is the first sort of step for you to look at and determine what you think the most important questions are. We collected a lot of stuff but we also have questions to go back now and ask the services to be sure we are still measuring out those stats.

So, we are in the process now of asking some of those questions, where we have a

1	few questions about the data but we are
2	aggregating it all. So, we will be able to show
3	you everything we have soon.
4	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I think the staff has
5	done a terrific job here.
6	VADM (R) TRACEY: Will we have a
7	chance to review how we have couched this? I
8	would be comfortable suggesting that these are
9	indicative of the kinds of data that DoD ought to
10	be collecting not our final recommendation or
11	what have you but that there is certainly
12	improvement to be made in this area.
13	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Everybody in
14	agreement?
15	MR. STONE: Agreed.
16	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, thanks to the
17	staff for a very excellent job.
18	Shall we take a break at this point?
19	MR. STONE: Are we up to 18, 19?
20	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, sorry, yes,
21	right. Sorry.
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CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, should any issues raised by stakeholders, clients, SVCs, SARCs, investigators, trial counsel, defense counsel be monitored or incorporated into metrics used by DoD and the services to evaluate their SVC programs?

Mr. Stone, I know you --

MR. STONE: Yes, I did. I heard conflicting statements in our testimony from the different people who testified about whether the SVCs were in fact being allowed to participate the way they wanted; whether they were being notified of hearings or there were hearings in the case that they were not even notified about; whether they were getting all the pleadings in cases or not getting all the pleadings; and whether even when they were allowed to be present, they were being allowed to speak for their victims; whether the counsel were being allowed to be heard or the counsel were being told oh, no, no, the victim can talk now, this is not for you to talk.

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And I think there needs to be in the questions that go to SVCs, they need to report on that because I don't know whether that is happening on a regular basis, if that was just an implementation flaw at the beginning that people are getting over, or if that is ongoing because that is very serious if it is ongoing that people are saying LRM said you only get to speak in two kinds of hearings. You may be able to show up for the rest, your victim may be able to comment at sentencing, but you sit down. We need to know if that is happening or not happening and we have got a lot of different views on that. would like to see some numbers on that so I know whether that is anecdotal and rare or common occurrence and something that needs to be addressed.

VADM (R) TRACEY: And again, that is data that DoD should want, not just the panel.

DoD should want that kind of data.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But I think also the question that was raised, I thought that you were

going to make another point, Mr. Stone, which is that a number of the SVCs before us asked for rules on these matters. Should there be rules so that there is clarity? Where do they stand? 4 they get all the pleadings? I mean that, to me, seems to be obvious. I don't understand why the 7 SVC wouldn't get a copy of every single pleading that is in the case. I mean there might be some 9 circumstances in which that might not be appropriate but then you could try to get a protective order, if that is what it is called in 12 the military, but a protective order from the 13 judge.

> It would seem to me that we heard that and I strongly support the development promptly of rules so that SVCs are not just floundering and judges aren't floundering and everybody has the same set of rules. It is not a real big deal, it seems to me. And I think it is also not a real big deal for us to recommend that, at least in terms of pleadings, that SVCs get copy of the pleadings that are filed in the case.

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1	VADM (R) TRACEY: So, is that part of
2	our overall assessment of the program? That is
3	the question seven that we will come
4	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I don't know if it is
5	overall. I would just answer 19 in that way.
6	VADM (R) TRACEY: Nineteen is about
7	what metrics should be monitored. And so, it is
8	counts of
9	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I see. Oh, okay.
10	MR. STONE: I think that fits into
11	seven as well.
12	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.
13	MR. STONE: At least what we heard so
14	far suggests that there has been an overly narrow
15	view of what the SVCs are allowed to do.
16	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I am making a
17	different point.
18	MR. STONE: Oh, okay.
19	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I'm not saying that
20	it is narrow. It is that they haven't addressed
21	it so that people are left floundering.
22	MR. STONE: Vague.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes. It is just not there. So, they asked for -- am I wrong Kyle?

But I thought that we had a number of SVCs as well as others say we would like to see some rules on this subject.

LT. COL. GREEN: Right.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Not what the rules are, as much as -- although there were some suggestions, but basically, where do we stand; what is our role in this process; and to have some rules regulating that. I thought it was just for clarity sake, as opposed to anything else.

And so my proposal, maybe this goes back to seven, is that that be included specifically, the development of rules for how special victim's counsel handle themselves in the proceedings. And I would also add to that specifically that they should get a copy of the pleadings in the case.

LT COL McGOVERN: Ms. Holtzman, I think that goes to issues numbered 40, 41 where

1	we are talking about access to information.
2	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes,
3	I'm trying to really get to the end of this
4	project.
5	(Laughter.)
6	(Simultaneous speaking.)
7	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: All right sorry.
8	LT COL McGOVERN: Do you use it as a
9	metric.
10	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, okay. Sorry.
11	Okay.
12	(Simultaneous speaking.)
13	LT COL McGOVERN: people don't get
14	sleepy.
15	MR. STONE: That's true but issue
16	seven is an important issue. That is why it was
17	incorporated, as you said.
18	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Thank you.
19	VADM (R) TRACEY: But if we want to,
20	we have got all sorts of data that you were just
21	describing because it is a startup program, you
22	ought to count those things right now. Later, it

may be something that you decide you don't 1 2 monitor anymore. Right. 3 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: VADM (R) TRACEY: But as a startup, 4 you ought to be counting the instances in which 5 SVCs didn't get the support that the system would 6 7 say they are supposed to get. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So, are we now 8 9 finished with issue 18? And 19. 10 MR. STONE: 11 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Nineteen, sorry. 12 Nineteen. I'm on the wrong page here. Sorry. 13 VADM (R) TRACEY: I'm sorry, on 19 are you saying that there were a set of things that 14 15 are the measures of how well the system is 16 actually working that should be monitored? these counts are one, the delays in trial are a 17 18 second group, I think. And the delay in 19 availability of the SVC for the victim would 20 maybe be a third. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Anybody object to 21 22 that?

MR. STONE: Sounds good. 1 2 LT COL McGOVERN: I think the objective here, trial counsel, defense counsel 3 also, as stakeholders in the process, mentioned 4 delays in proceedings? 5 VADM (R) TRACEY: Yes, that whole 6 7 bundle of delays that are called for in a summary notice form. I think they are ways to measure 8 9 those. 10 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Are we done? 11 LT. COL. GREEN: The other area, just in terms of looking at the specific stakeholders, 12 13 because each of them obviously brought a different perspective to this, but one of the 14 15 points is just resource allocation from the 16 defense counsel was raised both from a perception standpoint and an actual standpoint. So, I don't 17 18 know if that is -- again, I just bring that to 19 your attention as something that --20 Can you just refresh CHAIR HOLTZMAN:

Exactly what was the complaint?

my memory?

Because I do remember it and I --

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They complained about MR. STONE: 1 2 having to get their subpoenas from the prosecutor instead of like a neutral clerk, as you would 3 normally do. 4 All right. 5 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: MR. STONE: That they can't get a 6 7 witness brought in unless the prosecutor okays it because he pays for it, I guess. Something like 8 9 that. 10 VADM (R) TRACEY: And in this context, 11 the SVC has a budget set aside for travel and --12 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That is what it was, 13 right. VADM (R) TRACEY: Whereas, the defense 14 15 counsel is subject to the approval of the --16 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. So, I think that that is an important point because I think 17 18 one of the strengths of the military justice system is that it seemed to be fair. And I think 19 20 if the victim's counsel has a budget for travel and so forth, that the defense counsel shouldn't 21 22 be treated as a stepchild in that system.

1	MR. STONE: Well, of course, there are
2	nowhere near the number of special victim's
3	counsel. So, they are being shared and dragged
4	all over the place and defense counsel are going
5	to be on every base. So, I mean, it is not quite
6	an exact equivalent but yes, the idea is that, in
7	theory, they are kind of a resource to be
8	considered.
9	VADM (R) TRACEY: Is this a metric
10	that we are trying to set up?
11	MR. STONE: Oh, that's right.
12	VADM (R) TRACEY: Or is this an area
13	we think we should comment on with respect to
14	what stakeholders brought to our attention.
15	LT. COL. GREEN: I think either would
16	be appropriate, ma'am, depending on what the
17	panels determine.
18	MR. STONE: A metric would be how
19	often has a defense request for a witness been
20	refused. That is an appropriate metric.
21	MR. OSBORN: And, ma'am, if I may.
22	Just in terms of comparing the different

programs, we are talking about the SVCs as well as the defense community and ensuring our appearance or whatever with travel budgets and that sort of thing. It is kind of outside the purview of this to look at the second and third order events in the panel's recommendations to these other programs but at least recognizing that some of these programs face the same issues. So, but we heard from one defense counsel that not all the services require any justice experience for ADCs.

So, the panel is going to recommend that SVCs have military justice experience. The second order affecting that if the services to choose to implement that is the defense counsel saying no thank you. That needs to be required for us as well.

The same thing for the locations as well. ADCs aren't at every installation. So, there are times when ADCs have clients that aren't face-to-face with them.

So, at least recognizing that other

communities face similar issues.

VADM (R) TRACEY: I thought about that and why I think this is right. The defense counsel and the trial counsel are both inside the structure for which there is oversight, reachback, and this is a new program and in most of the cases, this is an external -- you know, their reach-back is all the way to the JAG. So, there is not the same sort of day to day oversight of activity of the SVCs as there is for the well-established counsels. Is that right or not?

MR. OSBORN: Outside of the Army, which has the reach-back being in the legal office, it is very similar to the ADC programs, in terms of having whether it is a senior victim counsel somewhere are reaching back through their chain to their leadership, whether it is in Washington or some places have different circuits set up or division offices, things like that.

So, in terms of day to day looking at oversight, it is much like defense counsel in terms of if you have somebody at an installation

but their boss is somewhere else. 1 2 VADM (R) TRACEY: I think the point, though, is you can't get experience until you get 3 experience. And in the DoD in particular, 4 somebody has to be the new guy who doesn't have 5 experience. 6 7 So, if they are not going to be developing experience as trial or defense 8 9 counsel, do you want them developing as the special victim's counsel. 10 11 MR. OSBORN: Right. And likewise, if you don't have experience, do you want them 12 13 developing it as they are defending someone? VADM (Simultaneous speaking)R) TRACEY: 14 15 And I am suggesting the system expects that there 16 is a number of defense counsels who don't have 17 experience. And so, --18 LT COL McGOVERN: Actually, I think, 19 ma'am, the offices require them to have 20 prosecution experience prior to being defense 21 attorneys. 22 (Simultaneous speaking.)

1	VADM (R) TRACEY: So, then it is the
2	prosecution that doesn't have experience. At
3	some point, somebody is the new guy. And the
4	system plans for that and provides for the
5	oversight for that person to not run amuck. And
6	that is not true for the special victim's
7	counsel.
8	MR. STONE: If the defense counsel are
9	having to be certified throughout all the
10	services and somebody has some standards and
11	looks at it, we don't have that with victim's
12	counsel, which means you throw somebody into it.
13	MR. OSBORN: It is the difference
14	between being certified as the trial and defense
15	counsel and then actually having the experience
16	to have done it.
17	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Excuse me for
18	interrupting. I am told that we have a time
19	issue now.
20	MS. FRIED: I think now is a good time
21	for a break.
22	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So, we will

come back in what, a half hour, 45 minutes? 1 2 Let's have lunch. And what time? LT. COL. GREEN: We have an hour 3 scheduled on the schedule for lunch, ma'am. 4 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, let's see how 5 we stand in 45 minutes. 6 7 (Whereupon, the above-titled matter went off the record at 11:40 a.m., and resumed at 8 9 1:00 p.m)10 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: For clarity's sake, 11 I think we're going to skip to Item E, his analysis and recommendation on Victim's Rights 12 13 and move -this is on page 9 of the document, the Draft Issues document, and start with Issue 35, 14 15 which is, "Should the panel comment on the 16 continuing development of policies and practices to implement Article 6(b), Victim's Rights, given 17 18 that Section 1701's deadline to establish 19 guidance recently past." You want to give some 20 background, please? LT COL GREEN: Section 1701 is the part 21 22 of the Fiscal Year '14 NDAA that required the

Victim's Rights to be incorporated into Article 6(b) of the UCMJ.

The second part of 1701, there were a number of requirements for the Secretary of

Defense to recommend changes to the MCM and

prescribed regulations to basically implement the rights under Article 6(b).

The FY '14 NDAA was passed on the 26th of December, 2013, so the one-year timeline for that guidance just recently past, and so again just -- this is not - this is just noting that that deadline has past and the guidance is still in work. I think some of it is still under development, and that's just bringing it to the panel's attention, somewhat similar to the implementation issues under Article 120, and whether the panel believes that that's worthy of comment, or just should note it.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, any comments from the panel members? Anybody?

VADM(R) TRACEY: This is just part of the whole pattern of delay in getting guidance

out to people, and the testimony that we heard about how much people are struggling with inconsistencies. Some of the drive to rewrite things is partly reflective of not having clarity around things. This is a slightly different subject than earlier, but it's just sort of a pattern -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, we should 
VADM(R) TRACEY: And I would recommend

comment on that.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. You want a comment on that. Any opposition, any further statement? All right. It's definitely not going to be a positive comment.

VADM(R) TRACEY: Right.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Issue 36, "Are SVCs receiving sufficient access to case and judicial proceedings information, including docketing notifications, copies of pleadings, Article 32 reports, Reports of Investigations, access to evidence and prosecutor merit reviews to allow them to effectively represent their

clients?"

Some of this we did discuss. What do we want to say about this now? Any members -

MR. STONE: I want to say no, they're not - you know, to - it may be some issues like on the prosecutor merit reviews whether they should get them but, you know, whether those should be some of these should be redacted.

But, no, neither the prosecutors are getting them, nor are the public because they're not being posted. They're being treated as if they're sealed documents.

LT COL McGOVERN: I believe in this case the testimony you heard from TJAGs is that there are newly developed policies, and so there may be - this may change in the actual sufficient access to piece information. Although it's not electronic access, the Army TJAG, for instance, testified that they just came out with this policy which details a long list of things that they have access to.

MR. STONE: It's a short list. I saw

that document. That's not an adequate - it
doesn't give you docketing notifications. It
doesn't give you copies certainly of all
pleadings, doesn't give you Reports of
Investigation, it doesn't give you access to
evidence. I know it doesn't give you prosecutor
merit reviews. It's a very short list, and in
terms of this question the answer is still no,
even after that. That was the October 2nd
statement by the Army TJAG. I know.

MR. TAYLOR: I don't necessarily disagree with anything that the Chair or Mr. Stone has said about sufficient access. I think it's not sufficient, but it seems to me that another problem is that to too great an extent the Defense Department is analyzing this using the principles of the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act instead of grounding it in a different sort of framework, a different paradigm which is access in a judicial proceeding where the rules are not necessarily the same as those governing those two acts. So, I think they really

need a rethinking, a re-analysis of the way
they're looking at this particular problem. And
that's the problem I have with the guidance that
has been published to this point, is that it's
grounded too much in these traditional
administrative law paradigms instead of something
that's more attuned to what I think we're talking
about here.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. You know, actually, I mean, when Congress passed the Freedom of Information Act they were talking about the public's relationship to the government. Here we have someone not exactly a party, but to treat this as someone who's an outsider is definitely not the right paradigm. And I think you're right that maybe the deeper way to look at this is for them to - is to suggest to DoD that this be reviewed in terms of what's the right - I mean, not under the Freedom of Information Act and Rights of Privacy, that this has to do with a judicial proceeding, which

is entirely different.

But the question then is, do we want to make something more specific, or do we - I mean, what is our - how specific is our recommendation going to be?

important to review the policy - for everyone to review the policies, because General Darpino testified that there's this list of things, they will be provided these pleadings, these notices, and if there's anything else then we'll look towards FOIA and Privacy Act, and anything above and beyond. So, I believe -

MR. TAYLOR: But then -

LT COL McGOVERN: - was framed that way.

MR. TAYLOR: Right. But then when you looked at the response from the Defense

Department, the memo that we got from the person who had testified here, his analysis was almost entirely based on Freedom of Information and Privacy, as I recall, but I stand to be

corrected.

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MR. STONE: And that October 2nd letter relates, I believe, directly to 412, 513, 514. In other words, it's not case-wide. It's related to, as I recall it, some narrow specific issues. And that is the problem that the SVCs were speaking about, that it's hard to advise somebody about their rights on whether it's - whether they should be fighting certain 412 or 513 requests unless you understand the whole case. You may say to them this is not worth you fighting this battle here today because, as I understand the case, it's got to come out later. But you can't know that if you don't see everything, you know, or you might say the opposite. You might say I think you do want to fight this hard here. You do want to maybe even testify here or do whatever it is you've got to do, because it doesn't need to come out in the context of the rest of the case. There'll be other witnesses. But you can't know that unless you see - unless you understand the whole context of what you're dealing with.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, how do we - what 1 2 do we want to say about this, that we don't think it's sufficient? I mean, by the way, Kelly, your 3 statement referred only to the Army. Is that 4 5 correct? LT COL McGOVERN: Yes, ma'am. I'm 6 7 reviewing the report on page 81 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. 8 9 LT COL McGOVERN: - to 83 where the 10 staff assimilated the current status of this type 11 12 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. 13 LT COL McGOVERN: - and the other considerations which DoD has articulated that 14 15 they have to abide by the Privacy Act, so that is 16 a lens which they have to look at the issue. MR. STONE: Their own recent letter 17 18 acknowledged that there's exclusions and 19 exceptions for official proceedings and judicial 20 proceedings. LT COL McGOVERN: And, again, I'm just 21 22 trying to note that the testimony was they just

established these policies, and it may then 1 2 warrant further review. VADM(R) TRACEY: So, is a review, then 3 the short answer is no, they're not receiving 4 sufficient. We are aware of some recently 5 announced changes that will make progress. Our 6 7 initial look is maybe not sufficient progress. And that - and we are concerned that the Privacy 8 9 Act and Freedom of Information Act, lenses are 10 being inappropriately applied. 11 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: May be inappropriate 12 13 VADM(R) TRACEY: May be being inappropriately applied. 14 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: And that we intend to 15 16 review this in greater detail. LT COL GREEN: Can I ask the - one of 17 18 the points from that is each of the Services is establishing or has established its own internal 19 20 policy, but there's very little DoD guidance. VADM(R) TRACEY: That's correct. 21 22 LT COL GREEN: And is there - is that

something the panel believes is appropriate, or should this come under an overarching policy from DoD?

VADM(R) TRACEY: Well, a FOIA and
Privacy Act ruling is going to have to be a DoD
view, isn't it?

LT COL McGOVERN: Each Service has their own FOIA office, as well, and so it does not necessarily mean -

VADM(R) TRACEY: But DoD is the last adjudicator, isn't it, on a FOIA?

MR. TAYLOR: DoD is the policy proponent for the Director for the entire department, and then each department has somewhat different nuances about how it's handled. But, again, getting back to the point about Article 6(b), if Article 6(b) had been implemented by the Defense Department, they may have chosen to implement it on its own in the context of what this statute is trying to do instead of just automatically looking at it through the paradigm of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act,

which is - I think they're sort of stuck on at this point based on what we have been told. So, I definitely think it needs further review, and there may be some applicable Freedom of Information Act principles.

And I noted, for example, that some

VLCs had indicated that they'd actually filed

Freedom of Information Act requests because that

was the only mechanism that they had available to

get at the information.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That's ridiculous, in my opinion.

MR. TAYLOR: I agree.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I mean, this is a judicial proceeding.

LT COL GREEN: Well, in the current policy in the Air Force for requesting a Report of Investigation or much of the case information is for the SVC to file an Official Use Request which the Air Force's interpretation is that what's required to give that counsel access to that information, but that information can go to

the SVC acting in their official use as an official representative, but they cannot share that information with their client.

LT COL McGOVERN: And that's explained on page 81.

LT COL GREEN: Right. And so that's just an example of sort of the application of this that I think goes awry.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: And it may need statutory revision. I don't know. That I don't know, but it seems to me that that's really - I mean, they're putting themselves into some kind of pretzel thinking here. I mean, this is a category - Freedom of Information and Privacy Act are not categories to determine how matters should be handled in a judicial proceeding, in my humble opinion. And I think that's a really critical point that Mr. Taylor pointed out.

And I think that that recommendation would be fine, and we should look at this matter further. And I think that that's what you suggested. Kyle, is that adequate?

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LT COL GREEN: Yes, ma'am. We can

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MR. STONE: And I think the categories of information will have to be looked at because some of them everybody in the country should know about. In other words, docketing stuff, you don't have to be a victim. Other things, Report of Investigation, then yes, that's much more narrow. So, I think there's two categories. There's the - they take pains in the Military Court-Martial Manual not to call these proceedings closed. It's a big deal to close a proceeding. Well, if it's open somehow there has to be a way to see documents that are openly filed in the proceeding.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I think that's a point that Mr. Stone actually made earlier, and that the report doesn't address, but maybe it should, which is for DoD to look at a computerized docketing system for all court papers. I mean, I think we even have it now in New York City which - for state courts, and that's a miracle, so if we could do it, the

military could easily do it. So, that might be 1 2 something - a specific recommendation which might make it easier at least for everybody to 3 know, the public to know what's happening here. I 4 don't know how you feel about that, or do we have 5 enough information for it? I'm certainly not 6 7 going to propose it if we don't - if you don't think that there's adequate background for that. 8 9 But that's how it's done in federal courts. MR. TAYLOR: And most of the documents 10 11 being filed in Article 32 proceedings I know are filed electronically. The presiding 12 13 investigating officers are asking for electronic copies, and people are already making electronic 14 15 documents in the military, so having them, you 16 know, lodged in a system. They're not still using paper most of the time, so - or exclusively 17 18 paper, I should say. 19 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, if we don't have 20 enough information to make that recommendation 21 MR. TAYLOR: Right. I agree. 22 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - I will easily

withdraw it, but that's something to 1 2 LT COL McGOVERN: I think we can make that recommendation and that would - could 3 possibly solve this, DoD could look into it, but 4 it does imply a huge - millions of dollars and 5 maintenance issues that go beyond mere 6 7 recommendation. MR. STONE: There is a federal 8 9 docketing system now that every federal court 10 uses. LT COL McGOVERN: I'm familiar with 11 12 MR. STONE: Right, PACER. So, I mean, 13 I can't imagine that PACER can't accommodate the military, as well. 14 15 LT COL HINES: Well, Mr. Stone, you've 16 got to pay to be a subscriber to PACER. If you're not in the U.S. Attorney's office, or you're not 17 18 in the court system of the federal government 19 you've got to pay for a subscription, so there is 20 some cost, even though those documents are 21 publicly

MR. STONE: You're right. It's 10 cents

a page, because I - you don't have to be an 1 2 attorney to get it. It's a very minimal CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. I don't want to 3 get into those kinds of details, but if you think 4 it's okay for us to suggest that DoD might want 5 to look into this, if people feel that's okay, 6 7 then let's recommend it. If people are not for it, let's move on. 8 9 VADM(R) TRACEY: I'm okay with 10 recommending that they explore adoption of an electronic method for providing materials. 11 MR. TAYLOR: That's as far as I really 12 13 feel comfortable going because I don't have enough information. 14 15 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Exactly. Okay. 16 LT COL GREEN: One point of clarification. The FY 15 NDAA, and this is not 17 18 probably reflected accurately - or FOIA in our 19 draft report included a provision on Victim's 20 Rights, Rights to Notice of Proceedings. Effective immediately it says, "The Service 21 22 Secretaries shall establish policies and

procedures designed to insure that any counsel of 1 2 the victim of an alleged sex-related offense is provided prompt and adequate notice of the 3 scheduling of any hearing, trial, or other 4 proceeding in connection with the prosecution of 5 such offense." So, that is a provision of the FY 6 7 15 NDAA, which VADM(R) TRACEY: If implemented. 8 9 LT COL GREEN: Exactly. 10 LT COL McGOVERN: Well, my 11 understanding from the TJAGs, Army TJAGs testimony is that those types of things are 12 13 provided. The SVCs issues is to access to evidence during the discovery phase, which is 14 15 more complicated. 16 MR. STONE: And that's what I'm saying, we have to divide the categories. Some of them 17 18 may well be taken care of. LT COL McGOVERN: I'll formulate a 19 20 recommendation for your review, ma'am. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, thanks. Number 21 22 37, "Do the policies of the services provide

sufficient information to victims to enforce their rights and/or effectively participate in judicial proceedings?"

LT COL McGOVERN: Goes back to number 36.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. I guess 
LT COL GREEN: The first point,

obviously, is about what the rights, but also
participation.

MR. STONE: Yes. I mean, this is one of those things that Ms. Holtzman mentioned before, is one of those things that's lacking that would be an SOP, and that is that there are still many military proceedings where the victim wants the victim's lawyer to speak for them because they don't either have the confidence, or the skill, or feel like they're a public speaker, especially if they've just been - if they've been the victim of a sexual assault and they don't want to get up and speak, but they want their lawyer to speak for them. And there are many situations we're hearing about where the lawyer is told no,

you don't get to speak for your client. It only 1 2 says the victim gets to participate, not you. And I think that's the effective participation. 3 In every other forum I know of, when 4 somebody is a lawyer for a client, if the client 5 says I don't feel comfortable saying this. I want 6 7 my lawyer to speak for me, the lawyer gets to speak. 8 9 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: The Response Panel 10 made such a recommendation, and the question is 11 did the Secretary of Defense adopt that? I mean, 12 we recommended that because that was specifically 13 part of the Crime Victim's Act, and the Crimes Victim Subcommittee made that recommendation. 14 15 LT COL McGOVERN: That the attorney 16 always be allowed to speak on behalf of the client. 17 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes, that the victim's 19 right to be heard includes the right to be heard 20 through counsel. LT COL McGOVERN: Right. 21 22 MS. CARSON: It's in the 2015 NDAA.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: All right. So,

Congress adopted our recommendation. Okay. Either

way - so, I don't know that we have to say

anything about that, except - well, we could. We

could say we're glad that this is in the 2015

NDAA, and we expect that the - and monitor it's

implementation.

MS. CARSON: The statute gives 180 days to implement -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Does that encompass all of Issue 37, just the right to be heard through counsel? I mean, I guess the other part of that is their access to information under 36. So, you can combine those two together, if that's okay with everybody here.

MR. STONE: Great.

"Should DoD and the services standardize the information to be made available to victims of sexual assault, and the procedures used to request that information? If so, what information should be provided, and what procedures should be

used?"

MR. STONE: I guess we haven't heard from a speaker about why one service might want to provide the evidence, and the other might not. In other words, whether there's a reason for differences that would, I guess, go outside the MCM, because mostly the Military Court-Martial Manual standardizes discovery type procedures and processes.

I'm open to hear if there's reasons for differences, but I don't quite know what they would be.

LT COL GREEN: I think this is a continuation of the previous discussion in terms of the different policies of the services regarding disclosure of information. I think you looked at that through the lens of the SVC representing a victim. This goes more foundationally to the right of the victim, him or herself. So, I think at the heart of this it does go back to the policies of the services regarding how does a victim or an SVC obtain information in

their case? And that's, again, through the 1 2 different mechanisms that the services have established, or the policies that they've 3 established to create those rules. 4 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, in other words, 5 it's really redundant. 6 7 LT COL GREEN: Well, redundant if the SVC has the same standing as the victim in terms 8 9 of case information. Yes, ma'am. But if one of 10 the issues is just the attorney representing the person on their behalf. And, again, I guess the 11 one difference is like in the Air Force's policy 12 13 where it's a FOIA request, it can be made by an SVC to obtain a Report of Investigation. It's 14 15 then an official use document. That's a document 16 that would be shareable with the SVC, but not with the client. 17 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: All right. We already 19 said we're not in favor of that. 20 LT COL GREEN: Yes. MR. STONE: I think this encompasses 21 22 another issue here that's not quite so obvious,

and that is after the SVC is no longer 1 2 representing the victim, if there is a commutation request, or the - a pardon, or the 3 sentence is reduced, at that point the SVC is no 4 longer in the picture. 5 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Is that so? It's not 6 7 clear to me that the SVC isn't any longer in the picture. Don't you have a right to the SVC - I 8 9 mean, I 10 VADM(R) TRACEY: Doesn't the victim 11 have the right to not accept the SVC services? 12 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes. 13 VADM(R) TRACEY: So, does this address the circumstance in which the victim may not have 14 15 16 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. Good point. 17 But, also, does the SVC - I mean, I was just 18 going back to the Response Panel. The Response Panel said that the SVC should remain as long as 19 20 the victim had - I forget the language. So, if there were an issue about commutation of 21 22 sentence, it would seem to me that - but I don't know if that recommendation was adopted, but the SVC should be available. It seems to me at least under the - assuming that we continue the Response Panel's view on that -

MR. STONE: Even years later? In other words, five years later there could be a request for commutation or pardon. I would assume the SVC is probably gone, that particular one -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Work with a different SVC, but you still would be entitled to have somebody represent you on that.

MR. STONE: Yes.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That's what I thought

- but I don't know what the - I don't know

whether - I believe, my memory may be totally

faulty, that the Response Panel recommended

something, didn't have a time period. I don't

know that we specifically thought about

commutation, but it went to as long as the

proceedings - it certainly went through the

appeals process.

LT COL McGOVERN: I believe the RFI

responses may provide that answer, as well, and we can follow-up.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, maybe we just postpone this point, at least in terms of 
LT COL McGOVERN: Until we get an answer.

MR. STONE: I heard, again, at the training session that I went down to at Charlottesville, I heard the representative who had been a member of the - I quess it was the Pardon and Commutation Board, and somewhat surprisingly he told me that they don't always notify victims because they can't always find them by then, because they don't maintain a computerized database like the federal victim notification system. So, over time they've lost people. In other words, they acted - they would like to notify them, but it's only if the person called in and gave them identification. So, when it says procedures, I think it's the fact that there isn't an electronic victim database that's maintained the way it is in the federal system.

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1	And the VNS, that that VNS system follows you
2	forever no matter when that prisoner gets out of
3	jail, and sends you a little electronic -
4	generates a letter.
5	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Could we postpone this
6	point because we really don't have the
7	information -
8	MR. STONE: Yes, yes.
9	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - about what happens
10	after the -
11	MR. STONE: Absolutely.
12	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - victim leaves the
13	services -
14	MR. STONE: Yes.
15	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - in terms of
16	notification, right to SVC, and so forth. We can
17	get some more information about that. Is that
18	okay with everyone?
19	Okay. I guess we're up to 39. "Should
20	DoD and the services establish uniform rules
21	regarding SVC standing in procedures or
22	participating in judicial proceedings?" I think

1	we - didn't we answer this already?
2	LT COL McGOVERN: This is the one that
3	I mentioned -
4	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, that you told me
5	I was going to -
6	LT COL McGOVERN: - we were going to
7	get to.
8	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So, does someone
9	have any thoughts about this?
LO	MR. TAYLOR: I think the answer is yes.
11	We heard abundant testimony that people were all
12	over the map in terms of how this was handled by
13	different services, by different judges within
<b>14</b>	the same service, and so forth and so on. And, of
15	course, one of the hallmarks of rule of law is
<b>L</b> 6	that you're treated fairly no matter where you
17	are. So, that's my two cents.
18	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Any objection?
19	VADM(R) TRACEY: I agree.
20	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.
21	LT COL McGOVERN: In your materials,
22	Colonel Christensen provided proposals for your

review, if you wanted to take a minute to look at 1 2 those. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Where are they? 3 MR. TAYLOR: What page? 4 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Is it in the draft 5 report, or is it 6 7 LT COL McGOVERN: No, ma'am. These are recently received 8 9 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh. 10 LT COL McGOVERN: - in response to 11 your Question 3 about specific amendments to 12 recommend. 13 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. At 3. Oh, right. LT COL GREEN: POD agreed to provide 14 15 these and did provide them. This also came up 16 during the TJAGs discussion, and I believe, Mr. Stone, you asked the TJAGs, because this - they 17 18 indicated that the JSC is also working on 19 procedures or rule changes, and so that was 20 requested by the panel. We have not received anything in terms of guidance. And, frankly, I 21 22 don't know where the development of rules is, so

at this point all we have is a recommendation from Protect our Defenders.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I don't know
that I can read this right now and make a
thoughtful determination. I don't know that I
ever can, but certainly not in this short a
period of time. So, I would prefer not to make a
recommendation at this point. And we appreciate
having received this material, but we'll take a
look at this at a later point.

LT COL McGOVERN: So, is it my understanding that your recommendation would be that yes, rules need to be established, but you're not ready to make a recommendation as to what those rules are.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. Uniform rules.

MR. STONE: Yes, right. Because just trying to - I did look at some of these in the proposed Rule 905, that he's suggesting - there's a sentence in the middle that says, "A victim has a right to be heard through counsel on rulings concerning MRE 412, 513, 514, and 615?

And what about sentencing the convicted person,
and any exercise of clemency that eliminates or
reduces a charge or sentence? I mean, there may
be some little pieces. It's a very good start,
but we have to look at it.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Issue 40. Other than making appeals by the All Writs Act, should victims have procedural mechanisms or established rights to make interlocutory appeals in courts-martial?"

MR. STONE: Well, to start with, an All Writs Act writ is not really an appeal. It's a discretionary petition, and it doesn't even have to be answered. It could just lay there and nothing can happen. The difference in an appeal is somebody has to act, and that's another area where we got one of these recommended rules for a 72-hour appeal, and a continuance of no more than five days. And it's a topic we need to look at.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: The RSP, the Response Panel, made a recommendation that there be an interlocutory appeal mechanism for crime victims

1	because that's in the Crime Victim's Rights Act,
2	which is what the military had intended, or at
3	least at one point had intended to include. So,
4	we could say that there should be some mechanism
5	- but I don't know - before I go to that point,
6	I don't know what the DoD - what the Secretary
7	of Defense said about that. I mean, has he
8	accepted it?
9	(Simultaneous speaking)
10	MR. STONE: I was under the impression
11	that all but two or three of the RSP
12	recommendations would have been adopted by now.
13	MS. FRIED: They were adopted, some
14	were adopted in part, only one was rejected.
15	MR. STONE: Oh, okay.
16	MS. FRIED: It wasn't that one.
17	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: What?
18	MS. FRIED: The one that was rejected
19	wasn't the one we're talking about right now.
20	MR. STONE: So, it might have been
21	adopted in part.
22	LT COL McGOVERN: Other than being

adopted, some are referred to the MJRG for consideration concerning revisions to the UCMJ as a whole, so it adopted, that's kind of a loose term, that -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: All I'm saying is that it may already be solved.

MR. STONE: Right. And removing it from this report every place you've mentioned there was a Response Systems Panel action on it, if this report that we're doing could refer literally to the right numbered Response System's recommendation and just give a little blurb as to where that stands today, wherever it stands, so that we ought to cross-reference them.

LT COL McGOVERN: That's okay.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, what do we say about 40? Do we want to just - you know what, here's my suggestion. They should find out - I mean, Marie, I know you're brilliant, but maybe you're not going to get the answer right now, so in the draft that you're going to send us, can you include - if nothing has happened, if they

have made no recommendation, or there's no action by the Defense Department, then perhaps our recommendation should be simply to reincorporate or reaffirm what the Response Panel said. And if they've done it, say we're happy that they've done it, and we're going to be monitoring it to make sure that it's being properly implemented. But I don't think we can take a position since we don't know what they've done.

MR. TAYLOR: I think that's the right way to put it, though; that if they have done it, good for them. If they haven't, we think you should do it.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right.

MS. FRIED: Ms. Holtzman, just for your information, for instance, the one you spoke about earlier regarding the opportunity to Special Victim Counsel representation, although not necessarily the same counsel, be extended to the victim as long as the right of the victim exists and is at issue. That was referred again to the Military Justice Review Group -

1	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, they haven't
2	adopted it.
3	MS. FRIED: Correct.
4	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Great.
5	MS. FRIED: They accepted the MJ Review
6	for a review in the broader context, as well,
7	Military Justice System.
8	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That seemed to be the
9	least objectionable of all the recommendations,
10	by the way, or the least controversial.
11	MR. STONE: Well, it sounds like that
12	may be sustained -
13	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: They solved it.
14	MR. STONE: Overruled it.
15	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes, of course.
16	MR. STONE: We just saved them a lot of
17	work.
18	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right.
19	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So, Maria, you
20	don't have to do any further research if you
21	don't want to. I mean, it's up to you. We're not
22	requiring that because we have the solution for

the moment.

Okay. Our next number is 41. "Does the panel wish to provide overall recommendations, impressions, or comments about victim and SVC access to information and procedures to exercise victim's rights?" I mean, aside from everything we've already said.

LT COL GREEN: Yes, ma'am. This is the catchall, just to - if there's anything else that we've not talked about, or overall impressions that the panel wishes to make.

Obviously, we'll incorporate all the specific discussion that we've had.

MR. TAYLOR: None from me.

VADM(R) TRACEY: None.

MR. STONE: Yes. I want to see something that victims - like a VNS System that victims can call regardless of whether they have the SVC, or to find their SVC, or whatever. The federal system has a victim notification system, and you can register for it and know what's going on. Even if you don't want to actively

participate you can find out what the status of 1 2 this case is, that nothing has been happening, and it'll just say status. So, there's no place 3 now that a victim knows if they were discharged 4 last year, where do I call to find out about my 5 case? And there needs to be some - I don't care 6 7 if it's not electronic, but I think it should be electronic, you know, a way for them to simply 8 9 query the system. LT COL McGOVERN: We will seek 10 11 information, as well, on what the services are currently doing, because we do have the Parole 12 13 and Clemency Boards, and in murder cases, for instance, people do continue to come to those 14 15 over here, so there may be processes we haven't 16 given you the information on. 17 MR. STONE: Okay. 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Why don't we defer 19 that until we find out 20 MR. STONE: Okay. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - what's going on. 21 22 MR. STONE: Right. Great.

1	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That's a very good
2	point for -
3	MR. STONE: I don't mind deferring it.
4	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, that's a good
5	point.
6	MR. STONE: As we said, that large
7	percentage of people who decline an SVC, are they
8	left out in the cold?
9	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. Good. Any other
10	points anybody wants to make on this Category E?
11	Great. Finished.
12	So, we're up to MR 412, which is -
13	LT COL GREEN: Issue 20?
14	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Issue - they filed a
15	claim but I have to confirm, verify, is it?
16	VADM(R) TRACEY: Trust, but verify.
17	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Trust, but verify.
18	That's it. I got the mantra.
19	Issue 20. "In light of recent
20	statutory and regulation changes, does the panel
21	propose further modifications to application of
22	MRE 412 and Article 32 hearings?" Under Bullet

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Point 1, "Does the panel wish to comment on EO 13669, which changed the rules in RCM 405 to specify that MRE 412 applies in Article 32 hearings, and specifies that the investigating hearing officer has the authority of a military judge to make evidentiary decisions regarding MR 412."

Let's just do this first before I read the second one. I heard, Kelly, that you can explain this to us, or Kyle, whoever.

LT COL McGOVERN: The outline takes the statement may take it a bit beyond what EO 13669 said, ma'am.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.

LT COL McGOVERN: The EO states that the new Article 32 hearing officer can use the same procedures, especially pertaining to sealing documents, as those of a military judge. It did not specify that next rule where we said that RCM 405 imparts change, that the 32 officer can make determinations regarding MRE 412 evidence. That's an assumption that if they have the same ability

as a judge to make sealing decisions and do other 1 judge-like activities, then they would also be 2 able to rule on MRE 412. 3 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So, in other 4 words, this first bullet point is slightly 5 inaccurate. Is that correct? 6 7 LT COL McGOVERN: The 32 hearing officer has the authority 8 9 MS. FRIED: Mr. Sullivan, resident 10 expert in Military Justice, also the Alternate 11 DFO, part of the Alternate DFO can obviously speak to that point. Can you clarify that? Isn't 12 13 that a MR. TAYLOR: I think they mean 14 15 authority like a military judge, not per the 16 military judge. Go ahead. MR. SULLIVAN: The actual language of 17 18 the Executive Order was that the Article 32 19 investigating officer, they could serve - the 20 power of the Article 32 Investigating Officer, and it said that the Investigating Officer can 21 22 assume the judge's power to exclude evidence

under 420. And it said that in exercising that power the 32 IO should use the same procedures as set out in 412(e) which refers to notice of enclosed hearing.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, basically, the
Investigating Officer will have the same
authority as a military judge in terms of
excluding - the power to exclude evidence.

MR. SULLIVAN: That was part - it's also important to understand that before that change the MRE, the Rules of Courts-Martial already said MRE 412 applies at Article 32 investigations.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right.

MR. SULLIVAN: And so the fundamental change was them saying, Investigative Officer, when you're considering these 412 issues, apply the same procedural protections for the victim's privacy that a military judge would apply at court-martial. That was the essential change.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. So, in other words the Investigating Officer has the same

1	powers as, and stands in the same footsteps as a
2	judge in the same circumstance.
3	MR. SULLIVAN: That's correct.
4	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.
5	VADM(R) TRACEY: I think you're saying
6	they always did. Was the changes they have to use
7	the procedures?
8	MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, that's correct.
9	VADM(R) TRACEY: Which is not what this
10	says. And what's the significance of using the
11	same procedures?
12	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Mr. Sullivan, I guess
13	you're the -
14	MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, I'd be happy to
15	address that. So, before -
16	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I know you're a guru.
17	I don't have to worry about the gender on that.
18	(Off microphone comment)
19	MR. SULLIVAN: So, the - before this
20	was adopted there was some difference in
21	procedures about whether IOs could use the closed
22	hearing procedure, for example. So, not all IOs

would hold a closed hearing 1 2 VADM(R) TRACEY: I see. MR. SULLIVAN: - under 412 at a 32. 3 VADM(R) TRACEY: Okay. 4 MR. SULLIVAN: So, the essential change 5 here was the President saying, 32, hey, provide 6 7 the same procedural capacities that refer to victim's privacy that would apply in a court-8 9 martial. 10 VADM(R) TRACEY: Okay. 11 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, I guess our first issue is do we want to have a - do we have a 12 13 comment on the - that Executive Order? Is that 14 correct? LT COL GREEN: I think one of the 15 16 important things, ma'am, is to take all of these in context. You have the changes to Article 32 17 18 proceedings, or you have the specific changes from the EO from June of '14. You have the draft 19 20 proposed changes from October of '14, which

further changed the rules, and then you have the

new Article 32 legislation which took effect for

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1	new procedures entirely for Article 32 which took
2	effect in the end of December.
3	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.
4	LT COL GREEN: It's the sum total of
5	all of those changes, and -
6	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So, are we
7	breaking them down in some kind of way that we
8	can make sense out of them? What are the issues
9	that are raised from all three? They may all be
10	the same.
11	LT COL GREEN: Yes.
12	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: They may have
13	different things in each one of them, but could
14	you help us?
15	LT COL GREEN: I don't know that you
16	can break them down.
17	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, then why are you
18	asking us to comment on -
19	LT COL GREEN: Well -
20	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Why is that an issue
21	here, EO 13669? That seems to make perfect sense.
22	Am I missing some - what I am missing here?

1	LT COL GREEN: There were concerns
2	raised by witnesses regarding the application of
3	13669 and what its effect - its exclusion or its
4	application of 412 to Article 32 hearings. There
5	were witnesses at the panel's hearing in October
6	that talked about the - they specified problems
7	created.
8	LT COL McGOVERN: It's page 61 of the
9	report.
10	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Excuse me.
11	LT COL McGOVERN: Senior Military
12	Counsel or defense counsel argued that - I
13	believe this is where it is.
14	LT COL GREEN: It's the paragraph right
15	above that.
16	LT COL McGOVERN: The middle paragraph
17	dealing with the constitutionally required
18	exception -
19	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Is it on page 61?
20	LT COL GREEN: Yes, ma'am.
21	LT COL McGOVERN: Yes, ma'am.
22	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: In the middle

paragraph? 1 2 LT COL McGOVERN: The middle paragraph 3 MR. STONE: Isn't it the top one? 4 LT COL GREEN: It's the first one. 5 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. 6 7 LT COL GREEN: It was controversial. Right. I think the staff in laying out these 8 9 different issues, ma'am, and I realize it's confusing. I think we're pointing out that issues 10 were raised to the panel about 13669 and its 11 application. There were additional discussions 12 13 about the impact of the October proposed draft EO. However, I think the panel has to look at 14 15 whether it's even possible to look at those in 16 the context of the new procedures which were just established at the end of December. And some of 17 18 these considerations in terms of how an Article 19 32 is conducted have completely changed even from 20 those previous. VADM(R) TRACEY: So, do we know enough 21

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MR. STONE: Well, but Footnote 407 is 1 2 still the - is the issue that I recall, that they were worried that some of the investigating 3 officers were not military judges and didn't have 4 that background. So, they were hypothesizing that 5 giving them that new power could be kind of 6 7 trouble because they just didn't have that experience. We were throwing something at them 8 9 that they could just be designated to run the 32 10 because there was nobody else there, and now they have to make these difficult evidentiary 11 decisions. 12 13 14

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I thought that the issue wasn't that they were given new power to make evidentiary decisions. I thought that the new power they were given was to close the hearing when they made those evidentiary decisions. Am I correct, Mr. Sullivan?

MR. SULLIVAN: I think that's right.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, if it's only closing the proceeding, that doesn't deal with whether they should or shouldn't have the power,

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but closing the proceeding sounds reasonable to me, unless I'm missing something.

MR. STONE: It's because I think that the argument before that was that the 412 decision shouldn't be made until trial. Maybe some investigating officers were doing it, but there was an argument that wait, that shouldn't be made until like the day before trial by the military judge.

LT COL McGOVERN: I think if you go on to read Mr. Koffsky's comment that Kyle is alluding to, there are so many changes in protections now hope that these 412 issues will not be litigated often. There's also several other changes in the past. Before a year ago, the Investigating Officer was not a JAG in the Army, so to have him performing judge-like duties in rulings on 412 would cause concern. So, I think it goes back to what Admiral Tracey was saying, do we have enough information? As Kyle is saying there's so many changes right now. These are issues to point out that we can have the panel

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LT COL GREEN: The other change from when you heard this testimony in October was at the time, the law would have required two different versions of Article 32 depending on the date of the offense. So, the probability that you would have Article 32s conducted under the previous regime still existed, but the FY15 NDAA clarified that. And now all Article 32s since December 26th are conducted under the new rules, so I don't know that the panel needs to spend a lot of time looking at the previous rules other than an interesting history of how we've gotten to there. But, obviously, we're only a few weeks old on what these new rules mean for these issues.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, if that's the case then perhaps - then I think we need to - my own view would be that we better take a look at the situation in light of the newest rules, as opposed to opining on things that may have changed in the interim. I don't know how the rest

of you feel. 1 2 MR. TAYLOR: It seems to me that the most constructive thing we can do at this point 3 is not to look back as to whether the rules were 4 or were not wisely changed, but instead to 5 monitor the changes to see what the impact is 6 7 going to be on delivering the kind of services that we want to deliver. 8 9 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, that sounds 10 definitely reasonable. MR. STONE: The recent legislation took 11 care of the second bullet, too, didn't it? Didn't 12 13 it talk about - is that in the Fiscal Year 15 NDAA? 14 15 LT COL GREEN: No, sir. I believe the 16 constitutional rights exception was removed from 513, but the 17 18 MR. STONE: But not for 412? 19 LT COL GREEN: Was not changed for 412. 20 MR. STONE: All right. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. And in 513 only 21

- only pretrial.

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LT COL GREEN: I think every - I think 1 2 the constitutional rights exception was taken out of 513 entirely. 3 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, I thought it was 4 only pretrial. Well 5 LT COL GREEN: I believe it was removed 6 7 as an exception to the privilege. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I find the 8 9 constitutional rights exception troublesome because it's at best redundant, since every 10 11 statute, every Rule of Evidence has to comply with the Constitution. And so if it's not 12 13 redundant, then it's confusing, so I'm interested in understanding why the - why they took out the 14 15 constitutional requirement provision from 513 and 16 left it in in 412. LT COL GREEN: The staff's discussion 17 18 about this, ma'am, is the - and I think what you 19 heard - the JPP staff. 20 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. LT COL GREEN: And Mr. Barto raised the 21 22 point at your meeting that 513 is a rule of

	privilege; whereas, 412 is a rule of relevance.
2	So, a rule of relevance, there may be other
3	constitutional requirements that are just
4	different from a rule of privilege. Obviously,
5	there are other privileges, priest-penitent,
6	attorney-client where there are more absolute.
7	There are other state frameworks that provide a
8	more absolute privilege that don't include a
9	constitutional exception or constitutional review
10	under psychotherapist privileges. But 412, MRE
11	412 mirrors the federal rule in its
12	constitutional exception, and so -
13	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That doesn't mean that
14	it's right.
15	LT COL GREEN: Yes, ma'am. So, that's
16	what the panel has heard in terms of why that
17	difference might exist. And the NDAA only removed
18	it from 513, it didn't talk about -
19	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: The NDAA, I thought it
20	was the executive -
21	LT COL GREEN: No, ma'am. The NDAA -
22	the FY 15 NDAA removed the constitutionally

required exception from 513. It requires the President to change 513 to do that.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.

LT COL GREEN: And that's effective in June. 412 is not changed.

MR. STONE: And I think your next issue says what we're being left with. I think that's 21, what we're talking about.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, it could be but,

I mean, it's obvious - well, okay. We could go

to 21 and then go back to the second bullet of

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LT COL GREEN: Can - maybe just to clarify one thing, ma'am. The issue in terms of the draft EO and its change to remove the constitutional rights exception for Article 32 hearings, what you heard from the General Counsel's office is that the pretrial hearing provided in Article 32 does not establish the constitutionality issues. There's no right of confrontation in a pretrial hearing, so the guidance was you could remove the constitutional

exception from there, but because of the

confrontation rules required that's why it exists

in 412 for courts-martial. So, that's really the

only distinction as to why it was removed from

32s, but only for that limited section of the

judicial process.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I mean, you have a right of confrontation with a witness, but you don't have a right of confrontation when it comes to a document?

LT COL McGOVERN: No, ma'am. With the new 32 - at Article 32 hearings you don't have the same rights of confrontation as an accused as you do at a court-martial.

MR. STONE: It's more like a grand jury. It's limited cross-examination of evidence because you're just trying to show probable cause to go to trial.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, the determination that's made in Article 32 that this is evidence is admissible, is not binding on the trial judge? It's not binding on the trial judge.

LT COL McGOVERN: No, not at all. No, 1 2 ma'am. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, just the 3 preliminary determination. 4 LT COL McGOVERN: The Rules of Evidence 5 are loosely applied at - in general outside of 6 7 412. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, what would the 8 9 impact be if the investigative officer said yes, you can cross-examine? How would this work in 10 11 practice, because a witness isn't even taking the stand? 12 13 LT COL GREEN: I think it would be the opposite of that, ma'am. Because of the 14 15 constitutional rights exception is no longer 16 applicable, it carves out a large portion of the evidence that would otherwise potentially be 17 18 considered at an Article 32. It limits the 19 avenues through which a defense counsel could 20 offer that evidence. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But the constitutional 21

rights exception isn't going to - there's going

to be no confrontation issue because the 1 2 witness/victim is not taking the stand any more. LT COL GREEN: And you're right. I 3 mean, you're looking at it in the context of the 4 new Article 32 procedures. 5 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. 6 7 LT COL GREEN: And that's the difficulty, is it may be that this is - but, 8 9 obviously, documentary evidence could still be provided and still raise 412 issues. 10 11 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I'm not talking about - I was comparing it to 513. I was not comparing 12 13 it to documents under 412. (Simultaneous speaking) 14 15 MR. STONE: The victim might want to 16 take the stand at that hearing because of other considerations at issue. She might want to 17 18 LT COL GREEN: The rules still apply, but it's within the context of the broader rules 19 20 of the new procedures for the hearings. VADM(R) TRACEY: Is this a fruitful 21 22 discussion until we actually see what the new

rules are, and how they affect this?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, to some extent it is, but it's very complicated to say the least, because you have the practical question of how this is going to be implemented practically. I mean, what would happen, I guess in the past, is that the defense could call the victim in an Article 32 proceeding. I'm saying this because I'm trying to make sure I understand it. Could call the defendant - could call the victim in an Article 32 proceeding, and cross-examine that victim about her whole sexual experience. This would not necessarily be for the purpose of getting facts that would be exonerative, but possibly to discourage the victim from going forward at all in this proceeding. And if you couldn't close the hearing, this would be in public, and it could be really humiliating, and really embarrassing, and really awful for the victim. So, now flash forward - fast forward to present.

LT COL McGOVERN: So, ma'am, if you

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1	could back up.
2	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, you want me to go
3	back further?
4	LT COL McGOVERN: No, right there. If
5	you then went to trial, there would be 412
6	motions before the military judge -
7	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right.
8	LT COL McGOVERN: - who could still
9	exclude that evidence so it doesn't come before a
10	military judge or a panel.
11	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. So, the
12	usefulness at a 412 of that information would
13	have been what for the defendant, aside from
14	humiliating -
15	VADM(R) TRACEY: Usefulness of the
16	Article 32, you mean.
17	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes, the - all of the
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19	VADM(R) TRACEY: Article 32.
20	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. Bringing out
21	all the stuff about the defendant - the victim's
22	past. What good would it do defense?

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MR. STONE: I'll give you a

hypothetical.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.

MR. STONE: I'm making this up but, you know, a young woman attends this party where everybody is basically drunk, and afterwards she says I was raped by so and so. And the defendant comes in and his counsel says the lights were low, we were all drunk. I don't know how she could identify him. She's picked the wrong guy. It was somebody else who went in the room with her, not my client.

It might be a difficult enough identification that the prosecutor might say to the victim you're going to need at this Article 32 to explain how you weren't so drunk that you could identify that it was him and not one of the other 20 guys at the party who were similar height, and you're all drinking. Explain how you weren't so drunk that you know it was him, and so she might want to take the stand and then they might look to try and say based on her sexual

history that she's had a big sexual history and she's always gotten it wrong.

So, I mean, the circumstances can come up that that might happen, and at the Article 32 the Investigating Officer might say okay, this is a hard enough identification. I'm going to allow a very broad scope of cross-examination. I want to hear everything about her, because I have to first decide if she really could identify him. I don't know if this has happened before, and they get this out, some of this, by looking at her sexual history. When it gets to trial, it's not all together clear that the same thing is going to happen.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes, it's not a great hypothetical, though.

MR. STONE: I know, but every crazy hypothetical is what happens at trial.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.

LT COL HINES: I think the usefulness of the result, in answer to your question, at the 32 the Government has got to establish a probable

cause. And I think the usefulness of that 1 2 information, I think, what some of the defense counsel who testified were complaining about is 3 if you foreclose them from bringing up this 4 evidence in front of the Investigating Officer, 5 you prevent them from making a credibility, or in 6 7 fact challenging some would say the victim's account. And then not only making that case to 8 9 the Investigating Officer, this is a difficult case for the Government. But also making that 10 case would be Convening Authority for - if the 11 Investigating Officer, nevertheless, recommends 12 13 that it goes to a felony level court-martial, the defense counsel can still show that evidence to 14 15 the Convening Authority and say, Admiral or 16 General the Government can't prove this case beyond a reasonable doubt. Maybe you should 17 18 dismiss the charges. So, I think that's part of 19 the complaint --20 Sounds like he's seen one MR. STONE: 21

of my crazy hypotheticals.

LT COL GREEN: But I think what's

important is that the procedure, the standard for that Article 32 and what the decision that's expected from that Article 32 has changed dramatically.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Because now fast forward to present. The victim is not going to take the stand.

LT COL GREEN: Is not obligated to, yes.

MR. STONE: She's not obligated, but she might. If the prosecutor in the case said, you know, your first statement to the investigating officers were I think it was him, and then later - and you kept putting the word "think" in there, he could say to her I'm happy to take this case to an Article 32 and try and try it, but you're going to need to positively identify this guy from the stand, or that Article 32 officer is not going to find that you identified him sufficiently. Everybody was drunk at that party. There's a million witnesses to that.

That's not so far off the hypothetical from the Naval Academy case. That's why I suggested what happens at a party doesn't always stay at the party.

Question. So the victim could take the stand in an Article 32 proceeding, might take the stand. And then would be exposed to a cross-examination, a substantial cross-examination. And the first question that's raised is should the standard be as part of the basis for the judge to make a decision - I mean, the investigative officer or whoever is making it, whether that little exception to the constitutional rights should be in that determination under 412 or not. And then do you have the issues in 21? Is that correct?

LT COL GREEN: And the nuance there is obviously under 21, you're now at trial, and the constitutional exception remains a factor, constitutionally required exception remains a factor at trial.

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CHAIR HOLTZMAN: It doesn't remain a factor. The Constitution remains a factor. The language of the statute is not a factor. The judge can always decide that something is constitutionally required whether the statute says it or not.

LT COL GREEN: Right.

LT COL McGOVERN: I think it may go to - if you look in the report, ma'am, they explain at trial the U.S. v. Gaddis case basically said that the constitutionally required language will always trump that balancing test that they do for the probative value versus the privacy interest. So, if you remove the constitutionally required exception according to Mr. Koffsky at the Article 32 from explicitly still allowing that, then you are really limiting the Gaddis case from applying to 32s, that that constitutional right will not trump the victim's privacy interest at 32 because according to Mr. Koffsky, an accused does not have a Sixth Amendment right to confrontation or to present a defense at Article 32, so the draft

EO is designed to limit the use of 412 evidence at the 32, but defense attorneys have said they're nervous about that. So, does the panel want to comment on it, that it looks like it's a move in the right direction, or that you want to monitor it, or it's already just so redundant and confusing, it doesn't matter whether it's eliminated or not? 

MR. STONE: I think we could go back to Mr. Taylor's suggestion from before, that it might be worth keeping tabs on how many times 412 evidence was moved for that they didn't get at the Article 32 hearing, that they then did get in at the trial. That's all.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But I want to go past that. I mean, I think that's okay, but I have two issues. One is, what happens in cases where a substantial amount of evidence is allowed in an Article 32, and what does this do to the willingness of victims to go forward? And to what extent is it really required in the Article 32? And are they interpreting this too broadly?

That's my sense. 1 2 I'm sorry, Kelly. I really respect your brilliance, and Mr. Koffsky's brilliance, 3 but saying something is constitutionally 4 required, if it's not constitutionally required 5 doesn't make it constitutionally required. So, if 6 7 the Constitution doesn't apply to Article 32 hearings, saying it's constitutionally required 8 9 is meaningless. LT COL McGOVERN: Right, and I think 10 11 totally eliminate it. Yes, ma'am, I think that's why they want to eliminate it. 12 13 MR. STONE: Yes, that's why they want to take it out. 14 15 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: No, but who's taking 16 it out? thought it just applied to 513, not to 17 18 MR. STONE: No, but that second bullet 19 is the JSC recommending in October '14 20 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. MR. STONE: - that it come out. 21

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I misunderstood.

1	MR. STONE: They listened to you.
2	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I didn't read it.
3	MR. STONE: They listened to you.
4	They're following you.
5	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, fine.
6	MR. TAYLOR: So, I think that what you
7	were saying is actually what Mr. Koffsky did say.
8	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, okay. Fine. Okay.
9	I'm sorry. I thought you were saying that it
10	shouldn't apply, but I apologize. Please forgive
11	me.
12	LT COL McGOVERN: You are in support of
13	removing constitutional rights exception at 32s,
14	ma'am?
15	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I am, but I don't -
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16 17 18 19	MR. STONE: That probably was the last one, two, three, four, five, six words in the next one that suggests that that doesn't come into being, and that they're still deciding at

federal - no, that's right. That's at trial, so 1 2 that's okay. LT COL McGOVERN: This is more to do 3 with the U.S. v. Gaddis case, sir, on page 62 and 4 5 63 of your report. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: What are we deciding 6 7 first of all on 20, bullet 2? Is there any objection to supporting the decision of JSC 8 9 October 14th about the constitutional right 10 exception? 11 MR. STONE: No objection to supporting 12 that. 13 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Issue 21. I'm sorry, could you just explain that point, Kyle? 14 LT COL GREEN: There was some 15 16 discussion in the report just in terms of how the judge is making the analysis and in terms of 17 18 which is covered first. And there was discussion 19 that the judges are not necessarily always 20 looking at the balancing test from a sense of first determining if, in fact, the evidence is 21

relevant to start with, or it's not unfairly

prejudicial to the victim. And they're first looking at the constitutionally required exception, and then that it is opening the door to more evidence coming in then would necessarily be brought in.

LT COL McGOVERN: We heard testimony that 513 does require this initial hearing for them to show why the defense is compelling production of this evidence. And that step isn't required explicitly by 412.

MR. STONE: The same kind of protective procedures are parallel.

LT COL McGOVERN: There is a case which illustrated, I think the Marine Corps, that some judges do do this to insure okay, it sounds like this information will be relevant to prove identification. But if they can't first prove that, then they don't even get to the balancing test.

MR. STONE: Right, but they don't go into her history until they see that it's relevant evidence. Yes.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I think that that 1 2 makes sense to find relevance first. But I don't know that it's only unfairly prejudicial to the 3 victim, it's prejudicial in the general sense. It 4 could be prejudicial in the sense that it's so 5 confusing, and so inflammatory that it affects 6 7 the fairness of the trial itself. I don't know that it would just be the victim. Am I wrong? 8 9 LT COL GREEN: No, there are two 10 balancing tests conducted in a 412, first relative to victim's privacy interest, and second 11 relative to a 403 balancing test, just for 12 13 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. So, the 403 balancing test, you don't need the word "to the 14 15 victim" in there. Right? The words "to the 16 victim." 17 MR. STONE: Yes. 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So, am I wrong? LT COL McGOVERN: The balancing test in 19 20 Gaddis does make it - does the value of the evidence not outweigh the danger of unfair 21 22 prejudice to the alleged victim's privacy?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, that's - is that the - is that what we're talking about here, that balancing test?

MR. STONE: We're talking about both tests.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: The second one.

MR. STONE: Yes.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: This is the second one about the victim's privacy is a little bit of an issue.

MR. STONE: Right. The idea is should you have this preliminary showing before you get to the other. And I think the answer has to be yes, because having that preliminary showing alerts the tribunal, military judge, that this is the time he listens to the Special Victim's Counsel. It may be that the prosecutor thinks he needs this to make his case, but this is where the victim's interest diverges typically from the Victim's Counsel if his client says if they're bringing out my whole history, I don't even want this case to go forward. You know, this hits the

newspapers, and the rest of my life I'm, you 1 2 know, I'm ashamed of my life. So, by having that special, that first determination you mark the 3 time without it being missed like under 513. It's 4 a useful step. It's a clear step. Everybody knows 5 it's going to come, and that's where the Victim's 6 7 Counsel is listened to for whatever persuasion he has. And where the victim gets to say her piece 8 9 through her counsel. As I say, that may diverge from the prosecutor. I frankly think if you'd had 10 11 this again in the Naval Academy case, the woman might not have gone forward at that point. 12 13 LT COL McGOVERN: Well, I think if you 14

LT COL McGOVERN: Well, I think if you look on page 64, you see the written statement of "We would like to see the balancing test clarified."

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Who is the "they?"

LT COL GREEN: It was a statement from Miranda Petersen from POD, and Ryan Guilds, the Victim's Counsel who's worked with a number of victims in a pro bono capacity.

MR. STONE: 420?

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1	LT COL McGOVERN: Is it that balancing
2	test would be trumped by the constitutional
3	rights -
4	MR. STONE: Right.
5	LT COL McGOVERN: - of the accused,
6	will they even end up doing a balancing test?
7	MR. STONE: So, now it goes to Issue
8	22. Right?
9	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Wait a minute. So,
10	what have we decided about 21? Okay. I guess my
11	concern, though, about this, and this is an issue
12	I think that Judge Jones was concerned about, and
13	really alerted me to, is that the issue about
14	unfairly prejudicial, to the victim's rights, is
15	that the balancing test in 412? Yes, I guess so.
<b>L</b> 6	I think so.
17	LT COL McGOVERN: According to Gaddis
18	it is to the victim -
19	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I mean, maybe -
20	LT COL McGOVERN: The victim's privacy.
21	Unfair prejudice to the alleged victim's privacy.
22	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Fine. Right,

1	right. Okay. So, that's the first test. Okay. So,
2	is anybody objecting to supporting Issue 21?
3	Okay, Issue 2. "Should MRE" -
4	LT COL McGOVERN: Can I go back to 21,
5	ma'am? In your recommendation -
6	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Sure.
7	LT COL McGOVERN: - you think that it
8	should be clarified or modified? Are you asking
9	DoD to take a look at that? How do you want us to
LO	phrase the recommendation?
11	MR. STONE: We just made it as a
12	recommendation. In other words, we adopted what
13	the speakers to us in the hearing said.
L4	MR. TAYLOR: It should be changed.
15	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: It should be changed.
16	LT COL GREEN: I mean, it's an
<b>L</b> 7	Executive Rule, so it would be your
18	recommendation -
19	MR. TAYLOR: It should be changed. I
20	think that's at least what I think our
21	recommendation is.
22	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But we're not

1	suggesting they study it further. Should MRE
2	412(c)(3) be amended to clarify that the victim's
3	privacy is a legitimate issue - interest under
4	the Supreme Court precedent? And which precedent
5	are we talking about?
6	LT COL McGOVERN: That was the civil
7	case.
8	MR. TAYLOR: The Jaffee case, I think.
9	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I'm really sorry that
10	we're looking at these issues without Judge Jones
11	because I know she would have something to say
12	about it.
13	MR. STONE: This is the question
14	whether Jaffee v. Redmond completely overtook
15	Pennsylvania v. Ritchie, which sort of left the
16	question open.
17	MR. TAYLOR: This is on page 6,
18	Paragraph E of the staff summary.
19	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Where is the staff
20	summary? Page 6? That's staff outline. Staff
21	report?
22	MR. TAYLOR: I gave you the wrong cite,

I think.

for you.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes, here we are.

LT COL McGOVERN: This is referring to

Footnote 420 on page 64 -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Wait, wait. Okay.

LT COL McGOVERN: Ms. Petersen and Mr.

Ryan Guilds stated that there was a legitimate interest under this Dallas Supreme Court precedent. We need to go back and cite that case

Statement talked about Gaddis, the Gaddis opinion which is a CAAF opinion established obviously that the constitutional exception will always trump victim's interest. And so I think their assertion was that that case gets it wrong if the victim's privacy interest is a legitimate privacy interest, and the analysis in Gaddis would have been different versus the review of a constitutional interest versus privacy interest.

MR. TAYLOR: I don't think I know enough about that to say that I agree with it.

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MR. STONE: I'd like to say something on this point, because at one of our early hearings when I asked about certain constitutional rights, I was told in no uncertain terms that unless a case in the Supreme Court says it applies to the military, then certain constitutional rights do not apply to the military. And I was later furnished, I think we all were, with a memo listing about 20 Supreme Court cases that either do or don't specifically incorporate certain federal constitutional rights, like a jury trial, jury of your peers, to the military. So, the argument was made when I asked about certain due process issues, well, the Supreme Court has never said that due process issue applies in the military cases.

In light of that and those cases, yes, then I think I'm in favor of Issue 22, that what the Supreme Court has said as to the rest of the country as to victim's privacy also applies in military cases. There isn't a void that has never been filled that the military can ignore Jaffee

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v. Redmond and Pennsylvania v. Ritchie, and those cases. They're going to have to attempt to follow those as well as everybody else.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: What has the Supreme Court said with regard to the right of a victim under 412?

MR. STONE: In the Jaffee v. Redmond case, they said that the right of confrontation would have to yield to the victim's privacy, because they said that if it didn't, it would totally chill people's desire to go to various counselors. They wouldn't go. The evidence would not exist because people would realize the right is opened up every time that this gets an issue. They even say it would be like a defendant doesn't have a right to counsel if you could then put the counsel on the stand when you thought the defendant wasn't telling a straight story and start cross-examining him about what the two of them spoke about. The defendants would stop talking to their counsel.

So, they said the same thing is true.

This is what they said in Jaffee v. Redmond, that if that privilege isn't upheld, people are going to stop going, in which case they said the evidence won't exist, so we're not depriving anybody of anything. At the time those kinds of statements are made they're expected, and they are, in fact, not going to be disclosed so, therefore, we should honor that.

Now, the argument was it was in the context of a civil, not a criminal prosecution, so people said oh, well then maybe it doesn't apply to criminal prosecution. But there are courts around the country who have said no, no, no, you're right that that was not itself a criminal prosecution, but the principle that it said there, in fact, applies civil and criminal cases. And there's quite a few cases that have said that, but what I'm just saying is whatever it said, we would be saying military judges have to struggle with that. They can't say oh, by the way, don't even consider those two cases because whatever we're saying here today also applies in

the military, that the privacy of victims is different in a military court, even though those victims may not be military members. They may be civilians who are raped by a military person, but they're not getting the same privacy rights.

LT COL GREEN: And the -

MR. STONE: That's the issue.

recommendation from POD was to modify the rule to include a specific statement that would exactly overcome, it says to say the victim's privacy is a legitimate governmental interest that promotes good order and discipline in the Armed Forces.

So, I think their modification would extend that and make it clear that that constitutional concern within the military would not be the same, or not be different than the application throughout other jurisdictions.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But the problem is we're really comparing apples and oranges, with all due respect, because those cases did not involve criminal cases.

MR. STONE: No, the other one did.

Pennsylvania v. Ritchie was a criminal case.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.

LT COL McGOVERN: But Jaffee was a civil case dealing with privilege to medical counseling. Here we're talking about 412 evidence as Kyle distinguished before.

MR. STONE: Right.

LT COL McGOVERN: One is dealing with the privilege, and so it's more absolute legitimate privacy interest in your mental health record.

MR. STONE: That's right. And we are not saying in this statement that Jaffee v.

Redmond means XYZ, and it applies. We're simply saying, and maybe we should put it slightly differently, that whatever a victim's privacy right is outside of the military trial context, also applies in the military trial context. They don't have no victim's constitutional right, whatever you think that turns out to be. So, that the military judge gets to consider it, not that

he says, "I don't even look at that here, because 1 2 they didn't say that applies in the military base." He says "Okay, I'll decide if I think it 3 applies." 4 LT COL McGOVERN: But don't they do 5 that according to Gaddis in the balancing test? 6 7 MR. STONE: I don't think so. At least that's - I guess I'd have to look at it again, 8 9 but I don't think so. 10 LT COL McGOVERN: I'm just trying to 11 clarify for recommendation purposes, if you added that it was a legitimate interest, victim's 12 13 privacy is a legitimate interest for the judge to consider, would that trump, according to your 14 15 opinion, the constitutional rights of the 16 accused? 17 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: He's making a 18 different point 19 LT COL McGOVERN: Okay. 20 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - I think. And if I state it, then you tell me I'm wrong because I'm 21 22 trying to understand what you're saying. I think

what he's saying is, it is not taking a position on what the privacy right is in a criminal trial before in the military justice system. He's saying whatever that right is that's determined in the civilian system, criminal or civil, that privacy right, the same right should apply - not civil or criminal, but in criminal cases, that same privacy right should exist in the military justice system, whatever that right is. He's not saying that it does trump or it doesn't trump, if the Supreme Court of the United States says, for example - am I right?

MR. STONE: Yes.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: If the Supreme Court of the United States were to say that in a criminal trial that the privacy rights of the victim trump the defendant's constitutional rights to confrontation, let's assume that were the case, that that would also apply in the military. If the Supreme Court, on the other hand, were to decide that it doesn't trump, that would apply in the military. Just that the

military shouldn't have a separate system for 1 2 victim's privacy - from the system in civilian courts, criminal courts. 3 MR. STONE: And that the military 4 victims whether they are or aren't Armed Forces 5 members should be entitled to that same right. 6 7 Yes. LT COL McGOVERN: Just go back to 8 9 Article 6(b) now, which articulates what victim's rights are in the military. And we have Gaddis 10 11 saying that they weigh the privacy interest in the balancing test, so I'm not sure where 12 13 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: This may make no difference 14 15 LT COL McGOVERN: - the testimony of 16 that there's a problem. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right, there may be no 17 18 problem, and there may be no issue. All that he's 19 saying is whatever it is in the criminal - am I 20 wrong? MR. STONE: Well, I want to contradict 21 22 her on Gaddis for a minute. Okay? Even the

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summary emphasizing that the victim's privacy just cannot override the accused's constitutional rights. One presenter noted that MRE 412 applies, blah, blah, blah. If Brady is involved, if it's actually exculpatory, then the Supreme Court rulings as I read them say the privacy rights give way, if it's actually exculpatory. If it's not exculpatory but it's just impeaching, she's a bad person because she did this, that, and the other thing, then they don't overrule it. So, it depends on the context and the facts. So, all we're saying is that the civilian cases, the nonmilitary cases on privacy interest of victims are applicable, and military judges have to look at them and apply them. They can't say "Oh, show me a military case on victim's privacy, or I'm not going to consider it." They have to look at the case law out there. That's what we're saying.

MR. TAYLOR: And you're uncomfortable with that for some reason.

LT COL McGOVERN: When there's no military precedent, we cite civilian cases to

influence the opinion of the judge.

MR. STONE: But in this case, in effect, I guess what we're saying is depending on where those cases come from, the civilian cases, they're going to trump prior military decisions that didn't really want to recognize a victim's privacy, that say oh, this is something new. I don't know what this means. You don't get it.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I think what he's coming from is from the premise that not all constitutional rights are included. And where you're coming from is Rule 6(b) -

LT COL McGOVERN: Just that we have a Military Justice System, and Congress has articulated rights to military victims, and we have case law saying how they're balancing those interests. So, I saw the scope of the recommendation here, are you going to add language to 412 saying that there is now a legitimate interest under some Supreme Court precedent. What does that add or take away from the Military Justice practice? I feel like we're

kind of on a tangent because we haven't
identified that there is a problem whether or not
past constitutional victim's rights apply, so
based on the testimonies received and case law
you've received, would your recommendation be
that this language should be added, or it needs
further study, or monitoring?

MR. STONE: Okay. My answer is yes, there was a problem, and that's why we have all this legislation about victim's privacy interest in the military in the past. And Article 6(b) is a statute, it's not the Constitution, so Article 6(b) standing alone couldn't overcome a purely confrontational clause, constitutional challenge by defense counsel that says I want to impeach her. I want all that evidence. And that's why you have to say the Supreme Court standard applies because the Supreme Court standard is it doesn't overcome a Brady challenge. If it's exculpatory, that defense counsel gets it. But it may well overcome a challenge that's purely based on I want to see it, Your Honor, because everybody

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knows she's been around and been the girlfriend 1 2 of everybody on base. That's why you have to say that. 3 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I guess my concern 4 about this is I'm not 100 percent comfortable 5 with the idea that a victim's privacy is enough 6 7 of an interest if the defendant, assuming that it's relevant, most of the stuff in my view is 8 9 completely irrelevant from a logical basis. I mean, it goes back to the idea if a woman ever 10 11 said yes, she can't say no. So that's of course logically, as well as factually not correct. But 12 13 assuming that we get past the relevance, which I would apply an extremely strict standard to, I 14 15 don't know that a defendant's right 16 to confrontation at a trial should be trumped by this. I'm not saying that it shouldn't. 17 18 MR. STONE: Jaffee was really a 19 landmark decision in saying that. 20 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, it wasn't a criminal case, though? 21

MR. STONE: Well, but it's

1	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But that's a very
2	important -
3	MR. STONE: It's a pretty serious
4	case.
5	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I understand. Serious
6	is different from going to prison.
7	MR. STONE: Well, Shrader is a case
8	that's cited all the time. That's another federal
9	case.
LO	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. I'm agnostic
11	still on this point.
12	MR. STONE: I understand.
13	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I just see that there
L <b>4</b>	are - you know, to me it's -
15	MR. STONE: What would you like to do
16	here?
<b>L</b> 7	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I want to know
18	what the rest of you want to do. I'm not sure
19	that MR 412 should be clarified yet. I think we
20	should see how the new rules are working in terms
21	of protecting victim's privacy. We have some time
22	to monitor that.

MR. STONE: So, track it.

LT COL GREEN: In terms of what the panel has received, the panel received one written input on this. We have not received additional views to determine if there are other perspectives on this, other than the one that you have received, so other than this discussion there's nothing else we have on the point.

VADM(R) TRACEY: Do you want to ask for additional information?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: We could. I mean, I don't know that we need to make a recommendation on this point right now. I mean, I would like more information, and I'd like to monitor this a bit. I'd like to get a better sense of how this is working. I'd like to get a better sense of whether my decision might be affected about how judges are determining the issue of relevancy. If they have a very broad sense of relevancy instead of a strict, narrow, logical sense of relevancy, then maybe you have to go to this because they're not interpreting the statute properly, or maybe

that's where you have to put the focus on. But 1 2 I'm not sure if I'm balancing two interests here, due process and privacy. It's very tough. I just 3 raise it. I'm not saying I have a conclusion. 4 MR. STONE: I think we should have 5 somebody come and speak to us about those two 6 7 cases. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. And how it's 8 9 working actually in the military, too, would be a 10 very good, how it's actually being interpreted. I 11 mean, we did hear some testimony about that, but 12 maybe there are more cases on this. I don't know. 13 Kelly, you're smiling. We must have done something right, huh? Well, what do you think? 14 LT COL McGOVERN: I think based on the 15 16 testimony you received it's good to monitor with all the change. 17 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: How do you feel, Mr. 18 19 Taylor, about this? 20 MR. TAYLOR: Well, yes, I think I started this conversation by saying I didn't 21

think I had enough information to have a judgment

1	on this, and that's -
2	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: We haven't enlightened
3	you?
4	MR. TAYLOR: With all due respect to
5	both of you. I have enjoyed the conversation, but
6	I would still like more information, I suppose,
7	for a lot of the reasons that Kelly said, in
8	addition to which that was a different case. It
9	had to do with a psychotherapist privilege, as
10	opposed to these kinds of records. And again,
11	with great respect for you, Mr. Stone, I'd just
12	like to think about it some more.
13	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Admiral?
14	VADM(R) TRACEY: Fine.
15	MR. STONE: I'll go along with whatever
16	the majority wants. That's fine.
17	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: You don't even have to
18	go along. You can write additional views to this
19	recommendation, you know.
20	MR. STONE: Yes, okay. Well, I'll
21	reserve my views at this point.
22	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes. All members have

that privilege.

MR. STONE: Yes.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Issue 23. So,

Issue 23 would apply - let me read it. "Should

412 be modified to eliminate the constitutionally
required exception which some presenters argue is
presumed." That modification would apply then
only to the trial, so we should eliminate the
constitutionally required exception at trial,
which some presenters argue is presumed.

Have we heard any evidence about how it's been applied at trial, as opposed to the Article 32? Do we have any indication that there have been issues about the focus as far as I've been able to understand, is that the real problems on 412 have been at the Article 32 stage? But I could be wrong about that. I mean, is this a big issue at trial, as well as it was in 32?

LT COL McGOVERN: Your official task according to your charter is to review records concerning 412 and 513 -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, okay.

LT COL McGOVERN: - which we found may be challenging due to the fact that all the records are sealed. So, otherwise, you're going to be relying on the limited testimony of the people appearing before you. So, I would suggest we continue to work on how we can actually access records to see how constitutionally required is being applied at trials, and if we can't do that, then we find other ways to give you that information.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That's a good point.

May I ask a question? Can we get an unsealing

order if the information, the names of the people

are redacted?

LT COL McGOVERN: Well, only a court of competent jurisdiction can unseal records, according to UCMJ, but Colonel Hines had suggested that we work towards getting some sort of limited protective order for the staff to pull cases and possibly then compile information for you so that you can make an analysis.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That I think would be 1 2 really helpful. MR. STONE: I thought this question was 3 going to your repeated point, which I think is 4 right, that the exception shouldn't say 5 constitutionally required exception because then 6 7 it's presumed. It exists or it doesn't exist, there's no presumption. You look at the question 8 9 and you do it. I thought they were trying to address what you said, which I agree with. 10 11 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes. Well, I LT COL McGOVERN: Defense counsel said 12 13 that contrary, according to the MR. STONE: Yes, right. They say it's 14 15 a presumption. And if it's a presumption it's a 16 LT COL McGOVERN: It's not a 17 18 presumption, that it's an important signal in the 19 military context. 20 MR. STONE: Well, I don't think you would assume you have a constitutional right. 21 22 Everybody knows it's there.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, that's my view. 1 2 MR. STONE: Yes. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But I don't know that 3 everybody agrees with that. And people may feel 4 uncomfortable that we're moving - because it 5 sounds so important and protective, and right. 6 7 MR. STONE: I agree with you. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: My view is that it 8 9 should be removed 10 MR. STONE: Right. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - because it's 11 redundant, and could create confusion, but I'm 12 13 open to - you know, but I can certainly accept that other people would think that it's -14 15 VADM(R) TRACEY: We've never actually 16 seen evidence either way. Right? Nobody's 17 talked to us on that, one group talked to us 18 about this. MR. STONE: Even some witnesses who 19 20 said that they thought that judges were finding it was a presumption, and they found it and then 21 22 they just moved on. And they don't really appear

to weigh or balance anything because well, that's the presumption.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right.

MR. STONE: You know, if you don't have something to overcome that presumption, I'm not even going to weigh.

LT COL McGOVERN: Well, I believe the testimony you heard is that there's a balancing test, and then when they do find that things are constitutionally required, some testified that judges are narrowly tailoring the decision as to releasing the evidence to protect the victim's privacy. So, I think you heard other testimony, as well, sir.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: See, I think the problem that I have is that you have a normal balancing test. What is it, Rule 403 in the Federal Rules that say if something is relevant, but is very prejudicial, the judge has a right to exclude it. Doesn't say prejudicial to whom, but prejudicial because it could be inflammatory to the jury, and it's marginally relevant, but it's

really inflammatory, so it could confuse the jury. There is no something there that says Constitution - in no other federal rule is there anything that says you'd have to apply these rules in light of the Constitution. This is the only one. So, what may happen here is that judges say "Well, why did they put this in, because it's not in any other rule?" Well, it was in 513 until now. So, judges may take this as a signal that really the framers of this rule are very worried about excluding evidence that could be protective of a defendant's rights, constitutional rights. So, the argument is that it's confusing, it's like a little thumb on the scale because it doesn't exist anywhere else. What could it possibly mean? Why would you need it here? So, it must have some meaning that we're really supposed to bend over backwards to help the defendant. That's what I think the concern is, that we heard testimony about. But we don't really know that. So, the testimony MR. TAYLOR: Right.

also talked about how if in doubt, the judges

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would say well, I don't want to be reversed on appeal for excluding something that's perhaps constitutionally required.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Correct.

MR. TAYLOR: And the counterpoint to that argument, as I recall, was that because Military Justice is constantly under scrutiny, there should not be the perception that we are somehow not affording people their constitutional rights. So, if you take it out, does that mean that somehow we're diminishing the rights that we would otherwise afford to service members?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. We're not starting from scratch here. If you take out something that says is constitutionally required, then people will say well, obviously, they don't care about the constitution. Whereas, if you didn't put it in to begin with, nobody would even question that because it doesn't exist anywhere else.

LT COL GREEN: But the right does exist under FRE 412.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. That's what I'm 1 2 saying, in the Federal Rules, also. LT COL GREEN: Right. 3 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Copies the Federal 4 Rules. I mean, that what's I meant. I'm sorry, I 5 didn't - it doesn't exist otherwise in Federal 6 7 Rules, or other evidentiary rules. So, I can understand why people would be reluctant to take 8 9 it out. That's all. Because taking out sends a 10 different signal from not putting it in to begin 11 with. MR. TAYLOR: And it could be said to 12 13 invite an unfair contrast between the case for the federal rules and the military rules on 14 15 essentially the same issue. So, there's a 16 perception issue here that MR. STONE: And the fact that it came 17 18 out of 513 and not here implies they must mean 19 something here because they took it out of 513, 20 but the Constitution still applies there. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. So, I mean, I'm 21 22 just trying to lay out the pros and cons, or some

1	of them. We could postpone a decision on this, or
2	we could say we want to have more information.
3	We'll monitor it, welcome additional views.
4	LT COL McGOVERN: Would you like to
5	revisit it once we brought the actual records,
6	ma'am?
7	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That's what I think
8	would be the best solution here personally.
9	MR. TAYLOR: I agree.
10	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Just by my own
11	personal privilege. I think the more prudent
12	thing would be to do that.
13	MR. TAYLOR: I agree.
14	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Kelly's just grinning
15	away over there.
16	LT COL McGOVERN: I like moving on,
17	ma'am.
18	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: All right. Now we're
19	up to, I think, 24. Right. Do we have any further
20	comments or recommendations? Anybody? 513.
21	LT COL GREEN: Ma'am, do you want to -
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CHAIR HOLTZMAN: You want to take a 1 2 five-minute break? LT COL GREEN: We have this 513, so if 3 you want to take a break, we could take a break 4 5 now. MR. TAYLOR: I agree. 6 7 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Let's take a 10minute break. 8 9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 10 went off the record at 2:29 p.m., and resumed at 11 2:49 p.m.) 12 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, we are now on 13 Section D, JPP's Analysis and Recommendations on MRE 513 issues. Issue 25, "Does the panel have 14 15 comments or observations about the pending 16 changes to MRE 513 that were mandated by FY 15 NDAA?" Kyle? 17 18 LT COL GREEN: Ma'am, Section 537 of 15 NDAA made a number of changes to MRE 19 the FY 20 513. These changes required the President to institute changes to the rule within 180 days 21

which means the guidance should be effective on

the 17th of June, 2015.

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Just to summarize what those changes the changes required are to eliminate the are, rule's constitutionally required exception, to incorporate within the privilege communications with other licensed mental health professionals in addition to the psychotherapist privilege that's already within the rule, to clarify or elevate the burden on the party who seeks production or admission of protected communications or records, and to revise the standard for a military judge to conduct an in camera review of communications or records, and the requirement that any production or disclosure permitted by the military judge be narrowly tailored.

I would just note these four changes speak directly to a number of the issues raised by presenters to the panel, so I think these changes are going to substantially change the rule and have a significant effect on maybe what the panel might consider or be able to recommend.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: When you say "narrowly 1 2 tailored," I thought that the main objection that we heard to 513 was that there was an automatic 3 production of the records from the health 4 professionals to the chambers, which made it very 5 easy for a judge to say - or investigating 6 7 officer to say just, you know, "I'll examine" them. Does the FY 15 NDAA deal with that issue? 8 9 LT COL GREEN: Not directly, unless the limitations on the rule and the elimination of 10 11 the constitutionally required exception, or some of the other implications of the rule might 12 13 further limit the willingness of the judge to say bring them in just in case we need them. 14 15 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, that hasn't been 16 addressed specifically. MR. STONE: That's 27 down here. 17 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. 19 MR. STONE: That's 27. 20 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I just wanted to make sure that it wasn't covered under 25. Sometimes 21 22 there is a method to my madness, not often, but

sometimes.

Okay. Does anybody have any recommendations they want to make under Issue 25?

MR. TAYLOR: I would just comment that I think this is definitely moving in the right

direction in terms of the direction that we as a

panel, so far, seem to be thinking needs to move.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I certainly agree with eliminating the constitutionally required exception, and also to expand the range of the privilege. But I'm not sure about increasing the burden, I just - I want to see how that works out in practice. I don't know whether that's something that we - did we hear that that was an issue for people, that it was too easy to get these records?

anecdotal information that - exactly like you expressed, ma'am. I think we heard two versions, that the records are produced through the process to be available to the military judge for review, at which time - so that they're available when

the military judge determines it's appropriate to 1 2 do so. And then the second question about whether the military judge, in fact, conducts that in 3 camera review, so two different stages. 4 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, okay. I don't 5 have any comments I want to make, but you want to 6 7 make that comment? Anybody approve, disapprove, disagree with that comment? 8 9 VADM(R) TRACEY: I would agree with 10 that comment. 11 MR. STONE: I guess I'm going to wait until we get to 26 and 27 for my comments. I 12 13 think that's where they CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. But do we have 14 15 - so - but Mr. Taylor recommends making a comment saying that the panel supports the 16 direction of these rules. 17 18 MR. STONE: Yes, that's fine. Yes. 19 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. I'm not sure how 20 I feel about that, so. Okay. I substantially support it, but I don't know if I 100 percent 21 22 support it.

Okay, Issue 26. "Should there be 1 2 standardized service regulations or guidance regarding the release of mental health records 3 for law enforcement purposes, or should any 4 current guidance or practices be revised?" 5 I'm not sure I understand what this 6 7 means. Is this referring exactly to the issue that I raised before about the release of the 8 9 records? 10 LT COL GREEN: Even prior to that, ma'am. It's part of investigations, and this is 11 really outside the scope of 513 itself. In the 12 13 course of a criminal investigation, the rules allow -there's guidance for when investigators 14 15 can get rules, or get records or communications 16 as part of their investigation. 17 MR. STONE: Is whether the prosecutors 18 can get them, not whether the judge looks at 19 them? In other words, the investigator is an arm 20 of the prosecutor. 21 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: No, no, no, not

really.

LT COL McGOVERN: Not an arm of the prosecutor.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Not in the military system.

LT COL GREEN: They're independent. So you have two forums, either the investigators can get them independently, or the trial counsel could get them in the course of his case assessment review.

MR. STONE: Okay. And in either case, if they find something they think is exculpatory under Brady, certainly, if the trial counsel gets them in terms of his pre - early review, and then goes forward, he'd have to turn them over. What I want to know is if the criminal investigator gets it, does it have to be turned over to the defense counsel, because it would be in the civilian case. If FBI sees it, at that point if it's exculpatory, later there's no question the prosecutor is going to have to turn it over.

LT COL McGOVERN: I think the research

done by the staff takes it back a step further and is the law enforcement exception to the - this privilege, and HIPAA, and the Privacy Act, is that being followed, to have investigators, you even have people to have access to this information.

MR. STONE: I know that's the question you're asking, but what I'm saying is the consequence of that is a Brady obligation and giving it over to the defense if - which is the whole point of fighting about - just because the judge sees it in camera, if the judge decides it's not relevant, or it's not something he's going to turn over under 513, it doesn't go to the defense.

LT COL GREEN: Right.

MR. STONE: But in the other circumstance even though that's a much earlier stage, it would go to the defense, and so that's why I'm asking that question, if when the criminal investigative service sees it, that triggers a discovery obligation if it's

exculpatory.

LT COL GREEN: Mr. Stone, we didn't get

-we didn't take either testimony or ask specific

questions of investigators about that specific

point -

MR. STONE: Okay.

LT COL GREEN: - about their obligation once they obtain those records.

MR. STONE: Right.

LT COL GREEN: The analysis and what you heard had more to do with just the exposure of victim's - of private information about victims and the ability of law enforcement to access that in the first place.

And there are rules established under DoD, there's additional guidance under some of the services for the implementation of that DoD guidance, but some of the other services simply say we follow the DoD guidance. And so, I think our review indicates that there's a lack of uniformity at least in terms of the rules for access to this information.

VADM(R) TRACEY: Did we hear testimony about this?

MR. STONE: I know I asked questions about this, because what I wanted to know, and maybe this is what you're getting at, is whether the military's rules on access to informations from the hospitals by investigators trumps HIPAA. Again, is this a military rule that's different than a civilian rule, because in a civilian context it better be a HIPAA release. And we're hearing that in Army hospitals there is no HIPAA release.

LT COL GREEN: Yes, ma'am, there are.

LT COL McGOVERN: Sixty-seven and 68 explain that a commander may have access to the information. What the victim has the right to do is find out if their information has been accessed.

LT COL GREEN: There are two exceptions to the protection that are applicable. One is more unique to the military, and that is the military necessity rule, that commanders can

access mental health records for military 1 2 necessity MR. STONE: That's not prosecution, 3 though, military necessity. That's an emergency. 4 LT COL GREEN: No, sir, that's military 5 fitness for duty, so it - anything in terms of -6 7 - I think that is a more encompassing exception that's used that allows commanders to access 8 9 mental health records generally for service 10 members, although that has been narrowly 11 tailored, or narrowed. MR. STONE: Okay. That would not be in 12 13 the context of a prosecution, though. LT COL GREEN: Not necessarily. 14 15 MR. STONE: Okay. 16 LT COL GREEN: I mean, I don't know that it would be exclusive of prosecutions, and 17 18 it may provide a vehicle to obtain records in a 19 particular case, but it's broader than just 20 prosecutions. MR. STONE: And the second reason you 21 said? 22

LT COL GREEN: The second is the law enforcement exception, which - and that just allows for the purposes of law enforcement those records to be accessed. And, again, I think that's provided for under the HIPAA rules, and then specifically the policy and provisions for that are spelled out under DoD rules.

MS. TOKASH: Is the issue, Mr. Stone,

MS. TOKASH: Is the issue, Mr. Stone, that you're framing then this, if there is a law - if law enforcement wants to go and get those records, how does that then impact the trial counsel and the defense counsel?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That's really a separate point. I think the first point we want to deal with is the point that's raised right here, because that's an implication or a consequence of Point One, I mean, the point, basic point. But the basic point is, is there a problem with the present system? Isn't that really your question here in 26?

VADM(R) TRACEY: Actually, I think it's that the services have different standards.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Standardized, or 1 2 should any of the current guidance be revised? So, it's both points, uniformity and revision of 3 existing guidelines. What - can you just 4 summarize what the problems were for us? 5 LT COL McGOVERN: On page 68, ma'am, it 6 7 gives two examples of, again, the differences that the Army says that then they have to make 8 9 sure that the information is kept private and confidential, whereas in the Air Force it has to 10 be whether someone is still at risk of harming 11 themselves. 12 13 So, again, it's an area that in light of the developing of MRE 513 and the importance 14 15 that once this information is out, it's available and can be possibly coming into the courtroom, 16 need to make sure that everything is being 17 18 handled narrowly to begin with and uniformly. 19 LT COL GREEN: These are, obviously, 20 outside the scope of 513 questions. 21 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. 22 LT COL GREEN: But the practical

application - the practical implications is that 1 2 there are procedures for - within the military and specific towards criminal investigations that 3 allow access to mental health records that do not 4 have the same consideration as 513 for judicial 5 proceedings. And, again, that's not a 6 7 commentary, it's just an observation of what was determined. 8 9 But there was some discussion, and I think in terms of the discussion about broader 10 11 access to military mental health records than in the civilian system, this may explain the reason 12 13 why, and whether the panel feels that's something worth commenting on, or if it's something 14 15 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Where do I - I see 16 only on commanders on page 68, 67 and 68. VADM(R) TRACEY: Law enforcement is 17 18 below that. 19 LT COL GREEN: Following. 20 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, sorry. Could you just - with regard to commanders, could you 21 22 the question I had here was what level of

1	commanders are we talking about getting access to
2	these records? Do we know?
3	LT COL McGOVERN: Company-level
4	commanders, out of the 100 so people.
5	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.
6	LT COL McGOVERN: We want to make sure
7	that if he thinks someone is a suicidal risk, are
8	they fit to be driving that truck?
9	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I have no quarrel with
10	it. I'm just curious -
11	LT COL GREEN: Any service member's
12	commander, so the immediate commander on up to
13	senior levels of commander, as well.
14	VADM(R) TRACEY: But it is someone in
15	a command position?
16	LT COL GREEN: Yes, ma'am, and within
17	the chain of command.
18	VADM(R) TRACEY: And not a supervisor.
19	LT COL GREEN: Yes, ma'am.
20	VADM(R) TRACEY: All right.
21	LT COL GREEN: And within the chain of
22	command so, obviously, it's for some

servicemembers within my command. Yes, ma'am.

observation that the military treatment
facilities, they screen them first, do some sort
of relevancy type of screen of the records before
they turn it over to the law enforcement folks.
So, again, it's how much information is being
released? Is that something you would like to
recommend be more standardized or receive more
information on?

MR. STONE: We didn't hear whether this actually overlaps into the problem in the next one, the next issue, which is that the records are gotten wholesale and brought and thrown on the Article 32 investigating officer's desk before he's even figured out whether he needs to go into them.

And I guess the question I have is do
we need to hear information whether that does
overlap or not? Maybe it never overlaps it,
because they - I mean, like you say in a quote
here they insure the information is kept private

and confidential. So maybe the answer is they look at it and return it, or they never - they look at it at the hospital. I don't know.

LT COL McGOVERN: It does include

Report of Investigation that then becomes

available. It has potential to be an issue which
we can provide more information on at subsequent
meetings.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I want to go back to my other question. Do we have any complaints about this practice from any presenters?

LT COL GREEN: Nobody specifically raised these issues. They talked more broadly about the general availability of mental health records.

- the one we heard about was Issue 27, so we haven't really had presenters on 26. May I make a suggestion that we postpone this issue until we get further information, including the point that Mr. Stone raised, which is what happens once they get this and it turns out to have Brady

information? What do they do with it? Do they turn it over to prosecutors? I mean, once they get the stuff, do they keep it, do they destroy it, do they turn it over to prosecutors? I mean, so that I think that issue is implicit here.

LT COL McGOVERN: Would you like to eliminate that part of the report to save for later or do you just want to note that we will look at this issue in the future?

MR. STONE: I don't think you need to comment on it at this point. We just will or we won't. If it's a problem, we will.

LT COL GREEN: But I think documenting what the procedure is for those is helpful background, would be my recommendation to you.

VADM(R) TRACEY: And because we are saying in response to Issue 25 that we think the change in the NDAA is in the right direction, I think it would be good to suggest that there are parts of this that we are going to continue to look at, and not just document the procedure or not.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I agree with that.

Okay, so we're finished with 26.

Issue 27, "Should the panel comment on obtaining and handling of mental health records prior to trial including whether records should be obtained for Article 32 hearings, or in anticipation of possible request at trial?"

Anybody want to comment on this?

MR. STONE: You know, I think that
that's a - that we should comment because,
frankly, I think that's terrible precedent and
way of handling things, because I think if a
person has those records, the last thing they
want to do is go to the hearing and see them up
there on the desk even though they're wrapped up.
I mean, they thought they spoke to somebody in
confidence and those records are sitting right
there. Right there.

They don't know who looked at them and wrapped them up, and it also makes it much more likely that the decision maker says well, before I send them back, I'll take a look at them. So,

it's - it takes it very far off the neutral decision making platform when you get them ahead of time. You don't know who got them, and they're sitting there wrapped up.

It just - it even makes the person whose records they are start to wonder well, who made the copies of my records, and how many copies were made? Because, obviously, usually it's not the original records, hospital gives you a copy. I mean, just - and that's what chills people from going.

And I heard, I don't know if it was during the hearings or elsewhere, to be honest, that there are people who are now instead of going to mental health counselors in the hospitals, they're going to the clergy because they know the clergy isn't keeping records on them, and they need to talk to somebody about something that's that mentally health-troubling. And I don't think we want a clergy in the military to take on the role that the mental health counselor is trained to do, and trained to

help the person with. 1 2 So, I think that it's not necessary to do that, and it's got so many downside risks, it 3 just raises too many questions to, it seems to 4 me, justify doing it. 5 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Any other comment? Any 6 7 disagreement with the comment? LT COL McGOVERN: If you look on page 8 9 69 and 70 of the report it details the 10 differences in approach to safeguarding information at 32s. 11 VADM(R) TRACEY: And the last 12 13 paragraphs suggests - reminds us that we did hear from people that while those are the rules 14 15 that weren't consistently applied. 16 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Kelly, I know what the significance of your comment is. Do you have any 17 18 objection, or do you have some problem with our -19 - with Mr. Stone's comments? 20 LT COL McGOVERN: No, I just wanted to 21 make sure that everyone was aware that there are 22 procedures in place, they're just not uniform

procedures.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I thought the procedure was - I didn't think there was any procedure that allowed the records to be asked for before the judge made some - before there was a showing. Are there procedures that allow for that? So, there might be different -

LT COL McGOVERN: This is according to the Marine Corps MRE 513, information should not be released to the 32 officer, but if it is inadvertently obtained, it will be sealed.

The Navy tries to take protections by issuing guidance when they're appointing the investigating officer to be aware of those protections in the MRE 500 series. So, it just - the information that's presented in the report sounds like there are - it has a potential to have - to slip into Article 32 hearings.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But the testimony, we heard some people say it's never a problem, but we did hear people say that it was a problem. But beyond that, I'm unaware of any rule that allows

for the production of mental health records in the court before the hearing officer -- prior to a determination by the hearing officer that those records should be produced.

LT COL GREEN: And the panel heard testimony that many times just - I think what Mr. Stone is saying, those records are obtained for expediency's sake, so that when that request is made, the court is not delayed.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, there is no discrepancy in the rules, there may be discrepancy in -

MR. STONE: Practice.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: In the practice. In fact it's not just discrepancy, the rules are being - you know, in some cases the rules are being ignored in practice. That's how I would phrase it.

MR. STONE: In a civil case, the court in which I was in this week where exactly that happened, the documents were inadvertently obtained by investigators and wrapped up in

packages ahead of time. The judge was so upset 1 2 the judge required all those people to be recused from the case. Start over with new people, put 3 those records back there, and if I make a 4 determination you'll go get them again. I mean, 5 it just - it gave such a bad aura to it, that 6 7 the system doesn't look like it's protecting those records. That's the problem, and that 8 9 chills people from going where you want them to 10 qo.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, it may be that if there's a comment about this we should say that, as Mr. Stone said, there should be no production prior to the - prior to a determination by the hearing officer or a judge, and there should be training of -

MR. STONE: Investigators because they're the ones getting them.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - investigators, and also of hospital personnel if we're talking about it so that they don't turn this over without a court order.

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MR. STONE: Right.

MR. TAYLOR: I think that's where the connection between Issue 26 and 27 becomes really important, because a lot of the time the only reason the trial counsel or the Article 32 officer will know about it is because some investigator has already gone and gotten them.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right.

MR. TAYLOR: That would be my guess, at least.

LT COL McGOVERN: Or if a commander happens to know about issues that they have to know about due to fitness of duty, you know, the information they have obtained in another legal way that influences the pretrial proceedings.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But should there be rules about how commanders then once they get information for fitness purposes, not for prosecution purposes, what do they do with the records then? I mean, should there be anything that we - do we know that there's an issue with regard to the records?

MR. STONE: Are they sealing them in the personnel file? I mean, that's the question.

LT COL GREEN: No, I don't believe it allows them to access and keep those records. I believe it allows them to access and review them.

MR. STONE: And return them?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: And then what happens?

LT COL GREEN: And then they're returned. I don't believe that commanders -- and there's nothing in the policy that allows them to maintain their own copy of medical or mental health records.

Now, I mean, I think if a mental health record were to contain something that would create a concern about fitness for duty, and that were to become part of an administrative action or something like that, obviously, that might be - but, I mean, other than those circumstances but I think the issue is the commander that knows, and then is subsequently interviewed by the trial counsel, defense counsel, military investigators, and that's where

the access to the information is obtained.

And I don't - and the commander certainly - I don't know of any privilege that the commander would be able to say well, I know something about this person from their mental health records, but I'm not allowed to disclose that to you as part of this case development. I mean, I think they would probably provide that information to the trial counsel, defense counsel, or investigators, at least that some information exists. That's probably how it -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: And why would this and why would that happen at all? Is someone interviewing the commander to find out what information he or she has?

LT COL GREEN: Yes, ma'am, that's fairly routine in the course of an investigation, if you have an investigation involving military personnel, that you may also investigate the commander just to know leads and other information that you might want to develop as part of the investigation.

MR. STONE: Well, that then makes me 1 2 wonder about the question we passed over, the one about 3 LT COL McGOVERN: I don't think we've 4 received information or testimony about it. 5 MR. STONE: Okay. 6 7 LT COL McGOVERN: This isn't really appropriate background information at this point. 8 9 And MR. STONE: So, maybe that's one of 10 11 your topics for a future LT COL McGOVERN: Right. And there are 12 13 so many changes with the FY 15 to 513 that many of these issues which people may have raised at 14 15 your proceedings may become moot now that there's 16 been changes to Article 32 proceedings. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So, on the 17 18 suggestion that I made about knowing that this 19 shouldn't happen, the routine release 20 release of any records without a court order. And that there should be training of investigators 21

and hospital staff, and other appropriate

personnel to make sure this doesn't happen. Is there any objection to that? I mean, is that a -MR. STONE: It makes a lot of sense.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: All right. So, now

where are we?

MR. STONE: Twenty-eight.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Issue 28, "Should the panel comment on the handling of mental health records during Article 32 hearings, and/or what impact changes in EO 13669 and the October '14 draft EO will have on consideration of mental health records in preliminary hearings?" Haven't we dealt with this issue already?

LT COL GREEN: I think, again, this was raised from the testimony you received that these are significant changes to the procedure, but I think these have largely been subsumed or modified substantially by the FY 15 NDAA, so we just noted it that it's something that was raised by presenters, but I'm not sure what you heard necessarily is going to apply under the new procedures as of June of this year.

MR. TAYLOR: It seems to me that we would want to take the same approach to Issue 28 as to Issue 25, and that is that as this panel goes forward, in the future, to keep an eye on this and see how it's working out.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That sounds fine with me. Any objection?

Issue 29, "In light of pending FY 15 NDAA changes, is additional guidance needed to clarify the standards for in camera reviews under MRE 513 and to ensure military judges are correctly applying the procedures for determining when in camera reviews are warranted?" Okay.

LT COL McGOVERN: This has to do with some of the testimony stated that the judge jumping to first do a in camera review in itself was piercing the privilege.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, right.

LT COL McGOVERN: And so the rule is very clear in that at first they must conduct a hearing, then whether or not there needs to be an in camera review, then do an in camera review.

Do you think the FY15 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: 1 2 NDAA changes will affect that, or is it still necessary for us to make a comment about this? 3 LT COL McGOVERN: It says that the FY 4 15 NDAA revision of the standard for a military 5 judge to conduct an in camera review and 6 7 requirement for any production or disclosure permitted being narrowly tailored. So, it does 8 9 appear that the FY NDAA is addressing it, so 10 again it goes back to Mr. Taylor's monitoring 11 approach possibly to see if that is happening. MR. STONE: They have to figure out the 12 13 need for it before they review it. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. So, maybe a 14 15 solution would be that we hope under the FY 16 NDAA changes that judges will first determine that production is required, and require the, you 17 18 know, the hearing, and we will be monitoring to 19 make sure that that happens. Any objection to 20 that? MR. STONE: Sounds good. 21 22 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: All right.

LT COL GREEN: The other practical 1 2 aspect, ma'am, is that the elimination of the constitutionally required exception, I mean, the 3 others are all so factually based that the scope 4 of 513 issues should be substantially narrowed in 5 general. So, in addition to the changes to the 6 7 even generating the in camera review, the number of issues that may be raised, judges I think may 8 9 see a reduced volume of this. 10 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Do we have to comment 11 on that? 12 LT COL GREEN: No, ma'am. 13 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Issue number 30, "Should MRE 513 be revised to include a legal 14 15 standard for military judges to apply in 16 determining if records should be produced similar to MRE 412, or will changes in the FY 17 15 NDAA 18 cure any concerns about the lack of a standard?" 19 What's the story, Kyle? 20 MR. STONE: I think you just told us they did. 21 22 LT COL GREEN: Yes, sir. These are

simply the staff providing the questions that are 1 2 raised by the report and, obviously, wanting to make sure that the panel is comfortable, or what 3 the panel 4 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, so this is - we 5 don't need to answer this question. Okay, fine. 6 7 Issue 31, "Should the panel comment on the requirement in the FY 15 NDAA to remove the 8 9 constitutionally required exception to the MRE 513?" Well, I always think it's a good idea to 10 tell Congress that what they did was right, but I 11 don't know if it's - how far it gets us. 12 13 MR. STONE: Isn't this the same as 25? Yes, we thought it moved in the right direction. 14 15 MR. TAYLOR: I think so. MR. STONE: I think it's the same 16 17 question again as 25. 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. I was joking. 19 So, we don't need - this is - again, we don't 20 need to answer this. We've already answered it. Okay. Issue 32, "Should the privilege 21 22 under MRE 513 be strengthened so that exception

to the privilege should be made only if, one, the 1 2 defense has made a substantial showing that the victim is incapacitated, unable to recollect or 3 testify truthfully; or, two, the reported sexual 4 assault occurred during the course of the 5 victim's mental health treatment." 6 7 LT COL GREEN: This was a proposal received, if I can 8 9 MR. NELSON: I think it was in Ryan Guilds. 10 11 LT COL GREEN: What page are we on? 12 MR. NELSON: 77. 13 UNIDENTIFIED: Paragraph G. Footnote 511. 14 15 LT COL GREEN: And, again, this is in 16 the context prior to the FY 15 NDAA changes, so it may not be that this is something that the 17 18 panel feels is appropriate to comment, or 19 necessary to comment on now in light of those 20 changes until you see more information. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, should we say 21 22 that in light - that these issues were raised

but we will defer action until we see how the changes made by the FY 15 NDAA are carried out?

MR. TAYLOR: I agree with that.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay. Issue 33, "Does the panel have any further comments or recommendations regarding MRE 513?" Do I hear any?

MR. STONE: I would say - and, I mean, I think it's obvious, but I mean maybe we have to say it because it's obvious. Not bringing the records ahead of time to the hearing does mean it's probably a two-step hearing, two hearings actually, that there's day one when there's an argument made I need to see the hearings, and then if the - the records. And then if the judge needs to see them, somebody is going to have to get them, and go back to that - I mean, go back to him with the hearings again.

So, that's a little bit - I think they were trying to avoid that inconvenience, getting everybody together, him getting a chance to go through them, and then he might say okay,

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there's three documents in here that I think going to turn over. And then maybe the victim's counsel says I'd just like to see those first to see if we have any further objections that we'd like to make to you, ex parte or at the next level to the commanding officer, whatever.

So, it turns it into a two-appearance hearing instead of he could have said before oh, it's easy. They're right here. I'm going to decide. Then I'm going to look at them, and then I'll show you what they are, and then we'll all go home.

So, I mean, I recognize that it's more of an inconvenience to the services to have that, but at least, you know, I think it wouldn't hurt for us to say we recognize it's an inconvenience, and maybe more than an inconvenience. It can be a problem if people are in different locations, but we think under the circumstances, hopefully, it won't come up that often, and because of the downside effects when it looks like the 513 materials are being treated too casually, we

think that's a consequence of maybe why it 1 2 happened. It wasn't always inadvertent, there was a practical reason for it, but it doesn't 3 outweigh what we think needs to be done. So, we 4 give it some - it shows we considered that 5 point. I think we should show that we considered 6 7 it. We're not doing it lightly. I hate that, you know, it's not like a civil case that the judge 8 9 is there every day and you can come back to him 10 tomorrow. CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, maybe down the 11 road there will be electronic records and it 12

won't require two - we can always hope.

MR. STONE: I don't think I will ever see that day, but all right.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Without any objection you can add that to our discussion about this recommendation. Okay. Are there any further comments or recommendations on 513 under Issue 33?

Okay. Issue 34, "Does the panel wish to provide overall recommendations, impressions,

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or comments about victim's privacy issues in 1 2 military judicial proceedings?" LT COL GREEN: We included this, ma'am, 3 simply because we focused down stride 412 and 513 4 and, obviously, those encompass aspects of victim 5 privacy, but if the panel has any overall 6 7 impressions regarding victim privacy in military judicial proceedings at this point, or wants to 8 9 make any general observations broader than those 10 rules TRACEY: Are we of the mind that 11 VADM exceptions to the privacy provisions allotted to 12 13 people in other federal courts should be limited for military members? 14 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I don't think we took 15 16 a position on that. 17 VADM TRACEY: I'm sorry? 18 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I don't think we took 19 a position on that. 20 TRACEY: I thought that was Mr. VADM Stone's position. 21 22 MR. STONE: That they shouldn't be any

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CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. But I thought that we didn't actually -

MR. STONE: Yes, that we sort of postponed it.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes, I think we did postpone it.

MR. STONE: I think the - right. I thought you were going to ask a slightly different issue, which is one that I sort of alluded to a minute ago, which was when at the Article 32 hearing which you're not yet at trial, is the decision to turn over some of these very let's just say embarrassing records? And victim's counsel, and maybe or maybe not the prosecutor certainly, the victim's counsel doesn't think they're relevant. The prosecutor may say so what, let's get this trial over with, but the victim's counsel may say this victim is not going to stay in the military if everybody gets to see these records. Career is over, it's just so embarrassing. You don't know who they - so and

so had, you know, what happened.

Are we going to specify at that point from the Article 32 hearing any kind of a review? In other words, can they go - this is not a military judge, is it going to be able to go to somebody who's a legal officer? Is there some chief military judge, or are we going to go - allow some specific procedure at the Article 32. It's not delaying the trial, the trial hasn't started yet.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: You mean an interlocutory appeal?

MR. STONE: Yes, at that stage before
- in other words, it's not disrupting the trial.
It hasn't begun yet.

LT COL McGOVERN: The judge hasn't been assigned the case because it hasn't been referred yet.

MR. STONE: Right. Hasn't been referred yet, there's no judge assigned. Are we going to allow that decision to be reviewed in some expedited fashion?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: We haven't heard any 1 2 testimony about that. We couldn't make a - I'm not in favor of decision on that because we just 3 don't know enough, but we could put that on 4 MR. STONE: Okay, we can delay that. 5 That's a little bit like that last recommendation 6 7 that we got here that we talked about before for the change in the rule, 908 appearing by the name 8 9 victim; although, this is not - it's not a trial 10 judge's ruling that's being appealed. It's the investigating officer's determination to release 11 12 those records. 13 LT COL McGOVERN: Well, Mr. Stone, we can send you the RSP recommendations 14 15 MR. STONE: Okay. 16 LT COL McGOVERN: - that DoD, they incorporated or not because there was discussion 17 18 there of whether or not a judge should be 19 involved earlier in the process to address these 20 victims issues. MR. STONE: Okay. I'm just referring to 21

that, then.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Some of these issues could be addressed -

MR. STONE: I guess one way of looking at it is to say perhaps that decision and those records have to be sealed at that time until a judge is assigned to the case, because what if it's never referred, then those records didn't ever need to get out to anybody other than the people in the proceedings.

LT COL McGOVERN: Well, that is one of the recent changes, that they do seal as a military judge would.

MR. STONE: Okay. They can seal.

LT COL McGOVERN: Yes.

MR. STONE: They don't have to. I'm saying maybe we would make a suggestion that until such time as a military judge is assigned to the case, that it gets referred and there is a military judge, it doesn't do any harm to seal them. The defense counsel could still see them. He would just be under a protective order, and then if nothing came of it, it wouldn't have to

get out there. I mean, the whole point of these records are they're probably terminating somebody's career in the military, and it would be - if you need to, great, but if you don't need to because the case doesn't go forward that way, (a) can you postpone it by sealing it until there's a military judge, and then maybe the appeal is simply to the military judge who gets assigned to the case to please look at this before, you know, they get unsealed.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That sounds like a

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: That sounds like a very good idea, but my own preference is we need to have some presentation -

MR. STONE: I agree, I totally agree.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - to DoD, to

LT COL GREEN: And one note I would make is the Military Justice Review group, I think that issue of getting the military - or increasing the military judge's authorities prior to referral is an issue that the Military Justice Review group has been looking at. Their report is

Congress.

due in March, and so it may be appropriate for the panel to review the results of the MJRG's analysis.

MR. STONE: I'm really suggesting right after referral. It's a little easier. You have referred it, and you have identified somebody, and that's the very first thing he does in the case.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I still think we should postpone - I mean, that's my recommendation.

MR. STONE: Okay.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I think the other panel can - I just don't think that without having a presentation on it we should make a recommendation. That's all, my only view.

MR. TAYLOR: I agree with that. Just in terms of overall recommendations, impressions, or comments, this falls in the impression - this falls under the definition, I guess, of an impression, and I'll comment on it. And that is that I think that our review has indicated over

the last six months that the process is moving in 1 2 the right direction, not only by the changes to Article 32, and removing the constitutionally 3 required exception for 412, but also certainly 4 the changes in the NDAA that have to do with 513. 5 So, I think this is a good thing and it's moving 6 7 in the right direction. TRACEY: Which of these have VADM 8 9 implementing action required before they become 10 applicable? 11 LT COL GREEN: Ma'am, which of the 12 changes in the NDAA? 13 VADM TRACEY: NDAA has to be implemented, any of these other - are all of 14 15 these supplanted by the NDAA changes, Executive 16 Order change, and the December 26 change while replaced by the NDAA? 17 18 LT COL McGOVERN: This table refers to 19 the things are being implemented 20 TRACEY: So, is there additional VADM comment on getting the implementation guidance 21 22 out there in a timely fashion would be applicable

to whether these are having the effects that the panel thinks they will have.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Assuming that there is this implementation issue.

VADM TRACEY: Correct.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I think that's a very good suggestion.

MR. STONE: Yes, I thought as a - at our last panel meeting we encouraged the judges at their meeting to see if they could reach some consensus maybe in the Bench Book on things like where do you stand, where do you sit, some of those housekeeping details that wouldn't rise to what goes into an NDAA or an Executive Order. And I don't know if that's a general thing that we'd want to continue to do, which is encourage groups like the Judicial Conference that meets on the Bench Book to not overlook these housekeeping details that will make the system run better.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: I think that's a good suggestion. Any objection to that suggestion? I guess one final point I want to make is with

regard to carrying out, as you noted, Kelly, we've been charged with understanding how 412 has been operating in practice. And we are somewhat stymied by the fact that many of the records are sealed. So, I don't know whether we want to address that in this report, probably we don't need to address it in this report, but at some point I think we should hear from you, maybe for our February meeting, as to how we're going to access these records. Because if we can't there's no way to access these records by court action, and I don't think there would be, but then we need to ask Congress - we need to advise Congress of this. And if they want us to look at these records, they've got to pass some legislation that will allow us to under court supervision or otherwise to look at these records. I mean, it's a mandate for us, and we just tell them we can't do it if we can't get access.

On the other hand, there are 412 decisions presumably that have been made that

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allow evidence in, and we need to be looking at 1 2 those records if we can - those aren't sealed, and so we should be able to access that and see 3 what kinds of decisions have been made, and how 4 that's - and give some interpretation of that to 5 Congress and DoD. 6 7 LT COL McGOVERN: When we started, the JPP met with individuals on the Hill, they did 8 9 mention that the timing of this report can be evolved within their legislative cycle. 10 11 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Oh, yes, I'm sure. 12 LT COL McGOVERN: So, if you have 13 actual recommendations this would be a prime 14 opportunity to 15 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: So, maybe we should 16 put that recommendation here, that we can't you know, that in order to 17 18 (Simultaneous speaking) 19 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But I think that you 20 should - I mean, we should be - we'll be on firmer ground if you can tell Congress that we've 21 22 explored the judicial avenue, and that's not

going to work, so there is no way for us to look at these records otherwise.

LT COL GREEN: And, Ms. Holtzman, I
think as we discussed, the question is whether to
include that in the report. There was a separate
letter to the Chair -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. I have no strong feelings - if we can't get that information - I mean, if getting that information will instruct the completion of this report, then we can do it after this report is done, but I think we need to alert the Congress to this.

MR. STONE: Related to that suggestion and a few others that we made before, I would like there to be a paragraph at the end, or the middle, a footnote, something that says future issues the panel will consider will include but are not limited to, and then list some of the ones we deferred so that someone who gets it on the Hill or wherever doesn't say oh, they forgot about this, or they forgot about that. They'll at

least know there's a bunch of things we talked about that we haven't heard enough information on yet, but that we haven't ignored them. We recognize we're trying to get to them. It doesn't say we have to get to them, it doesn't say they're the only ones, but like that one, one will be whether we need additional statutory authority to get to sealed records, whether and you wrote down some of the ones for future presentation, because I think we should at least show that we're aware of them. It makes it clearer that the panel is doing its job. It just can't get to everything.

Executive Summary and introduction section we may be able to address the fact that the panel was tasked with over 10 different areas to explore and here we've touched on three or four, but that's all you could do in six months, so I don't - we'll try to work something up and see if you want to -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: My only concern about

that, I mean, that sounds very reasonable and sensible, but that could actually trigger - I mean, it might be better at the beginning to say we were tasked with a number of items. These are the ones we're looking at first. We have many other items we intend to address. If we give a list and we haven't included what they think is important, are we ahead of the game, or not? That's what worries me. I mean, how inclusive is the list going to be, and -

MR. STONE: Well, didn't the NDAA

Fiscal Year 15 add a new task for us?

LT COL GREEN: It did.

MR. STONE: So, we're not getting out of that anyway.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Of course not, no. But all I'm saying is I don't want to make a list that's going to be an incomplete list because that could get them irritated. This way we can just indicate this is our beginning of the task and, obviously, we know we have many other issues to address, make it more general is all I'm

saying. Are we in agreement about that?

MR. TAYLOR: I agree.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.

issues or overriding concerns you have that you would like addressed in the Executive Summary?

The testimony you heard from some people is that

- something along the lines that the pendulum is swinging more from defense rights to victim's rights. We want to maintain that balance. Are there any overall themes like that, or anything else that you would like in the report that we haven't captured already?

MR. STONE: The only other issue that even occurs to me - and maybe it's again something we haven't addressed, so it doesn't go in here yet, but as a safety valve, the Department of Justice has a victim rights ombudsman, and it's purely administrative, but what it does is it gives people a place, an 800 number to call, make a complaint, that a separate group, the ombudsman can investigate and refer to

see that those rights, if they were overlooked, get addressed. I don't know that we've ever talked about whether the services separately or collectively have a safety valve somewhere.

LT COL McGOVERN: That's in the evidence in the victim's counsel.

(Simultaneous speaking)

MR. STONE: This is victims direct - this is victims, not victim's counsel calling the ombudsman.

LT COL McGOVERN: It just said victim services.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: We did in the Response Panel require that the prosecutors make some statement as is required in the civilian system, in the federal system, make a statement that victim's rights have been protected. I don't know that it went to the ombudsman. It may have. I mean, we have to take a look at that, but I - we haven't heard enough about that, but that might be an issue to address -

MR. STONE: Yes.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: - in the future. I think that's a -

MR. STONE: It really satisfies a lot of people who are upset out there because you say did they call the ombudsman?

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Right. Well, I think that anything we can do that mirrors past effective practice in the federal system, mirror it in the military is a good idea, but I think that's beyond for right now.

MR. STONE: Yes.

WADM TRACEY: But in an opening do we want to indicate that we've been mindful of the recommendations that were made in the previous panel, and we're tracking how those are being acted on by the Department as they may affect issues that we were charged to look at, that we are mindful of the necessity that the system be fair. It has to be an inherently fair system, and not favor victims, or perpetrators, or accused, rather. You know, that there are a number of major changes that are still in the process of

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2	better words, muddied the water a bit on how		
3	effective - how to measure the effectiveness of		
4	the changes that have already been made. And		
5	maybe a fourth, that we are very mindful of the		
6	input that we received from the witnesses about		
7	the quantity of change that has gone on and the		
8	very confusing atmosphere that exists at some		
9	levels right now.		
10	LT COL McGOVERN: Great. Thank you,		
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12	MR. STONE: I don't play down the		
13	confusing part.		
14	VADM TRACEY: I would not.		
15	MR. STONE: Okay, you want to -		
16	VADM TRACEY: I would not.		
17	MR. STONE: You think that's a real		
18	issue for them?		
19	VADM TRACEY: Yes, it is. We're		
20	talking about 18-year olds trying to figure out		
21	what's going to get me going here.		
22	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Are we finished?		

Anybody have anything else? Kyle?

LT COL GREEN: I guess just procedurally, I think the issue you all need to decide is whether you've - as I see some staff's responsibility now is to take what you've told us today and incorporate it into the analysis and recommendations on each of these points, and provide you another draft of the report for your consideration. I guess the question is whether or not you believe, Maria, if there is additional deliberations that need to take place, or whether you've reached sufficient conclusion on those that we can resolve things.

If anyone has the ability
administratively if we've reached consensus on
these issues to administratively finalize a
report, the only reason you would need to meet
again in a public setting would be if there are
additional issues that you need to reach
substantive agreement on that you haven't.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Well, I think we've reached substantive agreement. The question is

1	how - if there are corrections that have to be		
2	made in this report, or stylistic changes that we		
3	want to make, or changes of emphasis, how are		
4	those to be addressed? Do we send the comments to		
5	you, you send the comments around to everybody		
6	and everybody reviews them, and if we reach		
7	agreement on all the suggested changes then		
8	there's no further meeting. But if I say there		
9	should be a comma, and the Admiral disagrees with		
10	that comma, we have to have a meeting?		
11	LT COL GREEN: No, ma'am. We can if		
12	you'd like to.		
13	VADM(R) TRACEY: Well, I disagree -		
14	(Simultaneous speaking)		
15	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: But to the question -		
16	I mean, I just - that's a kind of a trivial		
17	example but, you know, someone uses the word		
18	very, or confusing, and someone says it should be		
19	a slightly different word, how do we resolve		
20	this?		
21	MR. STONE: I know when - and I'm not		
22	sure this is a proper example, but when the GAO		

puts out a report and they send it to the agency 1 2 for comment, they then put the comment from the agency at the back of the report. In other words, 3 could - if we send in a letter asking for a 4 change and you posted it on the website, would 5 that do the same purpose? In other words, it 6 7 gives everybody -LT COL GREEN: And we - and, Mr. 8 9 Stone, we wouldn't even need to necessarily post 10 - the draft is not posted to the website. 11 MR. STONE: I see. LT COL GREEN: The draft is your 12 13 initial - it's the staff's initial 14 recommendation to you. 15 MR. STONE: Okay. 16 LT COL GREEN: The only document ultimately that's published on the website is 17 18 your final report. However, all of these 19 documents become part of the public record of the 20 panel, and are available for review if somebody wants to see them. 21

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: This is something

1	that's governed by FACA, not by those kinds of
2	rules, so it's - I don't think we need to have
3	my statement about comma, and her disagreement
4	that. I just think we need to have a final
5	report, and the question is do we have to have a
6	meeting if there's a disagreement about wording?
7	MS. FRIED: I think it depends on the
8	nature of the disagreement. If it's substantive
9	we may have to.
10	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay, so why don't we
11	just -
12	(Simultaneous speaking)
13	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Can you do that?
14	MS. FRIED: If it's a matter of
15	changing very to eliminating it all together, but
16	I think it depends on the -
17	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Okay.
18	MS. FRIED: - and sort of the
19	substance of what's being -
20	MR. STONE: So, let you decide that
21	whether we need another meeting.
22	CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Yes, I think let's get

our feedback. I guess you'll get us a report,
we'll get some - we'll respond to that, and then
we'll see what the comments are. And then you'll
look at them and you'll see whether we need a
meeting to resolve this.

MS. FRIED: And I think as long as at some point we get on the record that these were the changes, the disagreements and that ultimately the final product. That could be done electronically or -

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Or we could have a conference call to resolve the disagreements, assuming they're not what you call substantive.

Okay.

LT COL GREEN: And we've published a meeting notice for you on the 30th of January to allow for - and that would be in our offices over in Ballston to allow us to have that meeting, if necessary. But if we don't need to have that we can cancel it through a cancellation notice.

CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Great.

LT COL McGOVERN: It does take a lot of 1 2 time to incorporate everyone's changes and take the bubble comments and trap pages, so when we 3 send our next report there may be either a short 4 turn around that we're asking for your feedback. 5 VADM(R) TRACEY: Do you want track 6 7 changes or my comments. LT COL GREEN: Whichever is easiest for 8 9 you, ma'am. We work with both. 10 MR. STONE: I'm sorry, what was that 11 last? LT COL GREEN: We can take - if we 12 13 want to electronically detract changes on the documents, or if you'd prefer to just hard copy 14 15 mark them up, we've done it both ways. 16 VADM(R) TRACEY: The advantage of the bubble, the comments is that the initials go with 17 18 the comments. You know who made the comments, 19 it's not color lines. 20 LT COL GREEN: What we've done is and I've got a - we've noted if you make hard 21 22 copy comments that's fine, we will incorporate

them in the other comments, so what we will send 1 2 around to you is a track change frozen with bubble comments from each of you. But we'll 3 identify who said what so that you can see that. 4 CHAIR HOLTZMAN: Excellent. Well, thank 5 you very much, Kyle, Kelly, members of the panel, 6 7 everyone who's worked on it, staff, Maria, everyone. Thank you. Hopefully, we will get this 8 9 report finished on time. Thanks. 10 MS. FRIED: If that's all from members, the panel is closed. 11 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 12 13 went off the record at 3:49 p.m.) 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

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